



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Physical Examinations and Health Screenings in Schools

- A school is prohibited from administering or conducting an invasive physical exam or health screening that is not required by state or federal law without first acquiring written consent from the parent or guardian.
- Provides definitions.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1. Section 256E.7(2) New Paragraph

Charter schools are subject to comply with this section relating to physical examinations and health screenings in the same manner as a school district.

Section 2. Section 256F.4(2) New Paragraph

A charter school or School Innovation Zone is subject to comply with this section relating to physical examinations and health screenings in the same manner as a school district.

Section 3. Section 279.76 New Section—Health screenings—prohibition

Each school district is prohibited from administering or conducting an invasive physical examination of a student, or a student health screening that is not required by state or federal law, without first acquiring the written consent of the student's parent or guardian. This only applies to a minor child in the direct care of a parent or guardian and does not apply to an emancipated minor or minor who is not residing with the parent or guardian.

This does not prohibit a school district from conducting health screenings in emergent care situations or from cooperating in a child abuse assessment.

"Emergent care" means a sudden or unforeseen occurrence or onset of a medical or behavioral condition that could result in serious injury or harm to a student or others in the event immediate medical attention is not provided.

"Emergent care situation" includes the need to screen a student or others for symptoms or exposures during an outbreak or public health event of concern as designated by the department of public health.

“Invasive physical examination” means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening.

“Student health screening” means an intentionally planned, or periodic process to identify if students may be at risk for health concerns and to determine if referral for an in-depth assessment is needed. It does not include an episodic, individual screening done in accordance with a professional licensed practice.