



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB3925

Introduced 1/10/2012, by Rep. Naomi D. Jakobsson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 205/3
410 ILCS 205/4

from Ch. 23, par. 2333
from Ch. 23, par. 2334

Amends the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act. Provides that vision and hearing screening services may be administered to preschool children 3 years of age or older in any public or private educational program or licensed child-care facility only once every 2 years prior to entering kindergarten. Provides that vision screening services may be conducted and administered by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, an optometrist licensed under the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987, or a certified vision screening technician. Provides that hearing screening services may be conducted and administered by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, an audiologist licensed under the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, or a certified hearing screening technician.

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1 AN ACT concerning public health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Child Vision and Hearing Test Act is amended
5 by changing Sections 3 and 4 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 205/3) (from Ch. 23, par. 2333)

7 Sec. 3. Vision and hearing screening services shall be
8 administered to all children as early as possible, but no later
9 than their first year in any public or private education
10 program, licensed day care center or residential facility for
11 handicapped children; and periodically thereafter, to identify
12 those children with vision or hearing impairments or both so
13 that such conditions can be managed or treated. Vision and
14 hearing screening services may be administered to preschool
15 children 3 years of age or older in any public or private
16 educational program or licensed child-care facility only once
17 every 2 years prior to entering kindergarten.

18 (Source: P.A. 81-174.)

19 (410 ILCS 205/4) (from Ch. 23, par. 2334)

20 Sec. 4. In addition to the program of hearing screening
21 services established by the Department under this Act, the
22 Department shall establish a program of vision screening

1 services by January 1, 1980. The Department and the State Board
2 of Education shall jointly develop rules and regulations
3 governing standards, procedures, techniques and criteria for
4 conducting and administering vision and hearing screening
5 services and shall set standards for the training and
6 qualifications of personnel to provide such services. Vision
7 screening services may be conducted and administered by a
8 physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches,
9 an optometrist licensed under the Illinois Optometric Practice
10 Act of 1987, or a certified vision screening technician.
11 Hearing screening services may be conducted and administered by
12 a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its
13 branches, an audiologist licensed under the Illinois
14 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, or a
15 certified hearing screening technician.

16 (Source: P.A. 81-174.)