

HOUSE BILL No. 5724

February 13, 2008, Introduced by Reps. Moore, Rocca, Moolenaar, Meekhof, Stakoe, Caul, Nofs, Palmer, Booher, Hansen, Ball, Caswell and Green and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
by amending section 1177 (MCL 380.1177), as amended by 2000 PA 91.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1177. (1) A child enrolling in a public or nonpublic
2 school for the first time or ~~, beginning in the 2002-2003 school~~
3 ~~year,~~ enrolling in grade 6 for the first time shall submit 1 of the
4 following:

5 (a) A statement signed by a physician that the child has been
6 tested for and immunized or protected against diseases specified by
7 the director of the department of community health.

8 (b) A statement signed by a parent or guardian to the effect
9 that the child has not been immunized because of religious

1 convictions or other objection to immunization.

2 (c) A statement signed by a physician that certifies that the
3 child is in the process of complying with all immunization
4 requirements.

5 (2) In addition, the parent or guardian of each child
6 enrolling in kindergarten for the first time shall submit a
7 statement signed by a district, county, or city health department
8 director stating that the child has been administered the
9 department of community health preschool vision screening test, or
10 signed by a licensed medical or osteopathic physician or a licensed
11 optometrist stating that the child's eyes have been examined during
12 the preschool years after age 3 and before initial entrance. A
13 vision test is not required if there is a statement signed by a
14 parent or guardian to the effect that the child cannot be submitted
15 to the test because of religious convictions. **BEGINNING WITH**
16 **ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR, THE VISION SCREENING TEST**
17 **OR EYE EXAMINATION SHALL INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION FOR COLOR**
18 **BLINDNESS.**

19 (3) Not later than November 1 of each year, the administrator
20 of each school shall provide the director of the department of
21 community health with the immunization status of each pupil in
22 grades K through 12 who enrolled in the school for the first time,
23 or ~~, beginning in the 2002-2003 school year,~~ enrolled in grade 6 in
24 the school for the first time, between the immediately preceding
25 January 1 and the immediately preceding September 30, as well as a
26 vision report of each child entering kindergarten during that time
27 period. This information shall be transmitted through the approved

1 local full-time health department, if available, and shall be on
2 forms provided by the director of community health or otherwise
3 reported in a manner approved by the director of the department of
4 community health. Not later than February 1 of each year, the
5 administrator of each school shall provide an update to the report
6 due the previous November 1 to show the immunization status of each
7 pupil in grades K through 12 who enrolled in the school for the
8 first time, or ~~, beginning in the 2002-2003 school year,~~ enrolled
9 in grade 6 in the school for the first time, during the calendar
10 year ending the immediately preceding December 31. This information
11 shall be transmitted in the same manner as the report due the
12 previous November 1.

13 (4) The department of community health shall promulgate rules,
14 including rules identifying the diseases specified under subsection
15 (1)(a), for the implementation of this section.

16 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
17 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5725(request no.
18 05617'07 a) of the 94th Legislature is enacted into law.