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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that school physical  
2 examinations are currently only conducted upon entry into the  
3 public school system, usually in kindergarten. The expansion of  
4 physical examination requirements for public school students  
5 will help reinforce a culture of wellness and preventative  
6 health care in the State. Furthermore, for children and  
7 adolescents who are obese, an additional physical examination  
8 visit provides an opportunity for the health care provider to  
9 assess the possible causes of obesity and develop a plan to  
10 support family-based lifestyle changes.

11           The purpose of this Act is to require a child to provide  
12 written documentation of a physical examination performed within  
13 twelve months prior to attending seventh grade at a public  
14 school.

15           SECTION 2. Section 302A-1159, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read as follows:



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1           "§302A-1159 Physical examination required. (a) Beginning  
2 with the 2017-2018 school year, no child shall attend seventh  
3 grade unless the child presents to the appropriate school  
4 official written documentation from a licensed physician or  
5 advanced practice registered nurse showing completion of the  
6 required physical examination performed within twelve months  
7 before the date of attendance. A child may attend school  
8 provisionally upon submitting written documentation from a  
9 licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or  
10 authorized representative of the department of health stating  
11 that the child is in the process of undergoing a physical  
12 examination; provided that further documentation showing that  
13 the required physical examination has been completed shall be  
14 submitted to the appropriate school official no later than three  
15 months after the child first attends seventh grade.

16           (b) No child shall attend any school for the first time in  
17 the State unless the child presents to the appropriate school  
18 official a report from a licensed physician or advanced practice  
19 registered nurse of the results of a physical examination  
20 performed within [~~a year of~~] twelve months before the date of  
21 attendance at school. A child may attend school provisionally



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 2 advanced practice registered nurse, or other authorized  
 3 representative of the department of health stating that the  
 4 child is in the process of undergoing a physical examination.  
 5 Further documentation showing that the required physical  
 6 examination has been completed shall be submitted to the  
 7 appropriate school official no later than three months after the  
 8 child first attends the school."

9 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 10 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Physical Examination; Education

**Description:**

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, requires a child to provide written documentation of a physical examination performed within twelve months prior to attending seventh grade at a public school. Provides for provisional attendance if an exam is scheduled.

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