

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1319  
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 36-899, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 36-899. Definitions

5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Department" means the department of health services.

7 2. "Director" means the director of the department of health  
8 services.

9 3. "Hearing evaluation services" means services ~~which~~ THAT include  
10 ~~the identification~~ IDENTIFYING, testing, ~~evaluation~~ EVALUATING and  
11 ~~initiation of~~ INITIATING follow-up services as defined in the rules and  
12 regulations of the department, as provided by section 36-899.03.

13 4. "Hearing screening evaluation" means ~~the evaluation of~~ EVALUATING  
14 the ability to hear certain frequencies at a consistent loudness.

15 5. "Private education program" means all programs of private  
16 education offering courses of study for ~~grades,~~ PRESCHOOL AND kindergarten  
17 PROGRAMS AND GRADES ONE through ~~the twelfth grade of high school~~ TWELVE.

18 6. "Public education program" means all PRESCHOOL, kindergarten,  
19 primary and secondary programs of education within the public school

1 system, including but not beyond ~~the twelfth grade of common or high school~~  
2 TWELVE.

3 Section 2. Section 36-899.10, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
4 to read:

5 36-899.10. Vision screening; administration; rules;  
6 notification; definitions

7 A. Each school shall provide vision screening services to the  
8 following:

9 1. Students upon initial entry to school and FOR not more than two  
10 additional grade levels as prescribed by the department by rule. A school,  
11 at the school's discretion, may provide vision screening services to  
12 students who are in grade levels that are not prescribed by rule.

13 2. Students who receive or are being considered for special  
14 education services and who have not been screened in the last year pursuant  
15 to this section.

16 3. Students for whom a teacher has requested a screening and who  
17 have not been screened in the last year pursuant to this section.

18 4. Students who are not reading at grade level by the third grade  
19 pursuant to the state assessment required in section 15-741, if the rules  
20 adopted by the department do not require screening in the third grade.

21 B. A school nurse, a volunteer or other school personnel who have  
22 undergone training developed or approved by the department shall administer  
23 the vision screenings except that those individuals who are trained to  
24 administer vision screenings before August 27, 2019 are not required to  
25 retrain pursuant to this subsection.

26 C. A vision screening conducted pursuant to this section does not  
27 satisfy a requirement for a medical professional to complete a vision  
28 screening of a child according to established guidelines for pediatric  
29 care.

30 D. The school district governing board or charter school governing  
31 body shall provide the vision screening results to the parent or guardian  
32 of each student who did not pass the vision screening within forty-five

1 days after the vision screening and shall comply with all applicable  
2 privacy laws. The results shall identify that the student did not pass the  
3 vision screening and the need for a comprehensive eye and vision  
4 examination. The results shall state that a vision screening is not  
5 equivalent to a comprehensive eye and vision examination.

6 E. A school district governing board or charter school governing  
7 body providing vision screening services shall provide to the department  
8 annual data submissions in a department-approved format that complies with  
9 student privacy laws.

10 F. A student is not required to submit to any vision screening  
11 required by this section if a parent or guardian of the student objects and  
12 submits a statement of the objection to the school for any reason including  
13 that the student received a comprehensive eye and vision examination in the  
14 last year or if the student has a current diagnosis of permanent vision  
15 loss.

16 G. For the purposes of assisting and implementing the vision  
17 screening requirements established by this section, the department or its  
18 delegate, subject to available monies, may:

19 1. Develop and provide vision screening training to screeners  
20 designated in subsection B of this section.

21 2. Provide schools with materials the department determines by rule  
22 to be necessary for conducting vision screenings.

23 3. Compile any school vision screening data, with all individual  
24 identifying information removed, for review and analysis by researchers,  
25 public agencies or any foundation, nonprofit organization or other  
26 organization that provides free approved vision screening services or  
27 training, grants for vision screening services, eyeglasses or examinations.

28 H. The department of health services shall adopt rules pursuant to  
29 title 41, chapter 6 to carry out this section. The rules may not require  
30 materials and equipment specific to any one provider and shall include,  
31 where consistent with the requirements of this section, feedback from the  
32 public education programs required to implement the vision screenings.

1 Rules adopted to carry out subsection A of this section shall be done in  
2 consultation with the department of education AND RECOGNIZED NONPROFIT  
3 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE FREE VISION SCREENING SERVICES, TRAINING, GRANTS  
4 FOR VISION SCREENING SERVICES, EYEGLASSES OR EXAMINATIONS.

5 I. The department may accept gifts, grants, donations, bequests and  
6 other forms of voluntary contributions for the purposes of this section.

7 J. For the purposes of this section:

8 1. "Comprehensive eye and vision examination" means a vision  
9 examination performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

10 2. "Department" means the department of health services.

11 3. "School" means a school district or charter school that provides  
12 instruction in preschool or kindergarten programs and grades one through  
13 twelve, or any combination of those programs or grades.

14 4. "Vision screening" means using a vision screening methodology  
15 approved or prescribed by rules adopted by the department pursuant to this  
16 section that, as age appropriate, include the evaluation of visual acuity,  
17 depth perception and color vision and that may include refraction.

18 5. "Vision screening services" means services that include  
19 identifying, testing and evaluating a child's vision and identifying the  
20 need for follow-up services, as prescribed by rules adopted by the  
21 department pursuant to this section.

22 6. "Volunteer" includes any individual or member of a foundation,  
23 nonprofit organization or other organization that provides vision  
24 screenings and is invited to provide vision screenings by the school."

25 Amend title to conform

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