

PROPOSED  
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1319  
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 36-899.10, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 to read:

4 36-899.10. Vision screening; administration; rules;  
5 notification; definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

1           C. A vision screening conducted pursuant to this section does not  
2 satisfy a requirement for a medical professional to complete a vision  
3 screening of a child according to established guidelines for pediatric  
4 care.

5           D. The school district governing board or charter school governing  
6 body shall provide the vision screening results to the parent or guardian  
7 of each student who did not pass the vision screening within forty-five  
8 days after the vision screening and shall comply with all applicable  
9 privacy laws. The results shall identify that the student did not pass the  
10 vision screening and the need for a comprehensive eye and vision  
11 examination. The results shall state that a vision screening is not  
12 equivalent to a comprehensive eye and vision examination.

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

17           F. A student is not required to submit to any vision screening  
18 required by this section if a parent or guardian of the student objects and  
19 submits a statement of the objection to the school for any reason including  
20 that the student received a comprehensive eye and vision examination in the  
21 last year or if the student has a current diagnosis of permanent vision  
22 loss.

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

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

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

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

6           H. The department of health services shall adopt rules pursuant to  
7 title 41, chapter 6 to carry out this section. The rules may not require  
8 materials and equipment specific to any one provider and shall include,  
9 where consistent with the requirements of this section, feedback from the  
10 public education programs required to implement the vision screenings.  
11 Rules adopted to carry out subsection A of this section shall be done in  
12 consultation with the department of education **AND RECOGNIZED NONPROFIT**  
13 **ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE FREE VISION SCREENING SERVICES, TRAINING, GRANTS**  
14 **FOR VISION SCREENING SERVICES, EYEGLASSES OR EXAMINATIONS.**

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

17           J. For the purposes of this section:

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

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

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

24           4. "Vision screening" means using a vision screening methodology  
25 approved or prescribed by rules adopted by the department pursuant to this  
26 section that, as age appropriate, include the evaluation of visual  
27 acuity, ~~depth perception and color vision and that may include refraction~~  
28 **BY USING ELECTRONIC VISION SCREENING DEVICES OR SNELLEN EYE CHARTS.**

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

1           6. "Volunteer" includes any individual or member of a foundation,  
2        nonprofit organization or other organization that provides vision  
3        screenings and is invited to provide vision screenings by the school."  
4 Amend title to conform

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