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## Overview

Amends the mandatory statewide early childhood developmental screening program to require school districts recommend to all parents that children undergo a comprehensive eye exam by a qualified physician and excuses from the vision screening those children who have received a comprehensive eye exam within the preceding 12 months.

## Section

- Early childhood developmental screening. As part of early childhood developmental screening, directs school districts to recommend to all parents and guardians that children undergo a comprehensive eye exam by a qualified physician at least once before entering schools.
- Screening program. Includes in the written notice to parents that is part of the developmental screening program a statement indicating that vision screening under the program is not a substitute for a comprehensive eye exam by a qualified physician and that a child need not undergo the program's vision screening if a qualified physician has administered a comprehensive eye exam to the child within the preceding 12 months and attests in writing to that fact.