



1 required part of each health examination included under this  
2 Section if the child resides in an area designated by the  
3 Department of Public Health as having a high incidence of  
4 tuberculosis. Additional health examinations of pupils,  
5 including dental and vision examinations, may be required  
6 when deemed necessary by school authorities. Parents are  
7 encouraged to have their children undergo dental examinations  
8 at the same points in time required for health examinations.

9 (2) The Department of Public Health shall promulgate  
10 rules and regulations specifying the examinations and  
11 procedures that constitute a health examination and may  
12 recommend by rule that certain additional examinations be  
13 performed. The rules and regulations of the Department of  
14 Public Health shall specify that a tuberculosis skin test  
15 screening shall be included as a required part of each health  
16 examination included under this Section if the child resides  
17 in an area designated by the Department of Public Health as  
18 having a high incidence of tuberculosis.

19 Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its  
20 branches, advanced practice nurses who have a written  
21 collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician which  
22 authorizes them to perform health examinations, or physician  
23 assistants who have been delegated the performance of health  
24 examinations by their supervising physician shall be  
25 responsible for the performance of the health examinations,  
26 other than dental examinations and vision and hearing  
27 screening, and shall sign all report forms required by  
28 subsection (4) of this Section that pertain to those portions  
29 of the health examination for which the physician, advanced  
30 practice nurse, or physician assistant is responsible. If a  
31 registered nurse performs any part of a health examination,  
32 then a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its  
33 branches must review and sign all required report forms.  
34 Licensed dentists shall perform all dental examinations and

1 shall sign all report forms required by subsection (4) of  
2 this Section that pertain to the dental examinations.  
3 Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all its branches,  
4 or licensed optometrists, shall perform all vision exams  
5 required by school authorities and shall sign all report  
6 forms required by subsection (4) of this Section that pertain  
7 to the vision exam. Vision and hearing screening tests,  
8 which shall not be considered examinations as that term is  
9 used in this Section, shall be conducted in accordance with  
10 rules and regulations of the Department of Public Health, and  
11 by individuals whom the Department of Public Health has  
12 certified.

13 (3) Every child shall, at or about the same time as he  
14 or she receives a health examination required by subsection  
15 (1) of this Section, present to the local school proof of  
16 having received such immunizations against preventable  
17 communicable diseases as the Department of Public Health  
18 shall require by rules and regulations promulgated pursuant  
19 to this Section and the Communicable Disease Prevention Act.

20 (4) The individuals conducting the health examination  
21 shall record the fact of having conducted the examination,  
22 and such additional information as required, on uniform forms  
23 which the Department of Public Health and the State Board of  
24 Education shall prescribe for statewide use. The examiner  
25 shall summarize on the report form any condition that he or  
26 she suspects indicates a need for special services. The  
27 individuals confirming the administration of required  
28 immunizations shall record as indicated on the form that the  
29 immunizations were administered.

30 (5) If a child does not submit proof of having had  
31 either the health examination or the immunization as  
32 required, then the child shall be examined or receive the  
33 immunization, as the case may be, and present proof by  
34 October 15 of the current school year, or by an earlier date

1 of the current school year established by a school district.  
2 To establish a date before October 15 of the current school  
3 year for the health examination or immunization as required,  
4 a school district must give notice of the requirements of  
5 this Section 60 days prior to the earlier established date.  
6 If for medical reasons one or more of the required  
7 immunizations must be given after October 15 of the current  
8 school year, or after an earlier established date of the  
9 current school year, then the child shall present, by October  
10 15, or by the earlier established date, a schedule for the  
11 administration of the immunizations and a statement of the  
12 medical reasons causing the delay, both the schedule and the  
13 statement being issued by the physician, advanced practice  
14 nurse, physician assistant, registered nurse, or local health  
15 department that will be responsible for administration of the  
16 remaining required immunizations. If a child does not comply  
17 by October 15, or by the earlier established date of the  
18 current school year, with the requirements of this  
19 subsection, then the local school authority shall exclude  
20 that child from school until such time as the child presents  
21 proof of having had the health examination as required and  
22 presents proof of having received those required  
23 immunizations which are medically possible to receive  
24 immediately. During a child's exclusion from school for  
25 noncompliance with this subsection, the child's parents or  
26 legal guardian shall be considered in violation of Section  
27 26-1 and subject to any penalty imposed by Section 26-10.

28 (6) Every school shall report to the State Board of  
29 Education by November 15, in the manner which that agency  
30 shall require, the number of children who have received the  
31 necessary immunizations and the health examination as  
32 required, indicating, of those who have not received the  
33 immunizations and examination as required, the number of  
34 children who are exempt from health examination and

1 immunization requirements on religious or medical grounds as  
2 provided in subsection (8). This reported information shall  
3 be provided to the Department of Public Health by the State  
4 Board of Education.

5 (7) Upon determining that the number of pupils who are  
6 required to be in compliance with subsection (5) of this  
7 Section is below 90% of the number of pupils enrolled in the  
8 school district, 10% of each State aid payment made pursuant  
9 to Section 18-8 to the school district for such year shall be  
10 withheld by the regional superintendent until the number of  
11 students in compliance with subsection (5) is the applicable  
12 specified percentage or higher.

13 (8) Parents or legal guardians who object to health  
14 examinations or any part thereof, or to immunizations, on  
15 religious grounds shall not be required to submit their  
16 children or wards to the examinations or immunizations to  
17 which they so object if such parents or legal guardians  
18 present to the appropriate local school authority a signed  
19 statement of objection, detailing the grounds for the  
20 objection. If the physical condition of the child is such  
21 that any one or more of the immunizing agents should not be  
22 administered, the examining physician, advanced practice  
23 nurse, or physician assistant responsible for the performance  
24 of the health examination shall endorse that fact upon the  
25 health examination form. Exempting a child from the health  
26 examination does not exempt the child from participation in  
27 the program of physical education training provided in  
28 Sections 27-5 through 27-7 of this Code.

29 (9) For the purposes of this Section, "nursery schools"  
30 means those nursery schools operated by elementary school  
31 systems or secondary level school units or institutions of  
32 higher learning.

33 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 92-703, eff. 7-19-02.)".