

HB 1333 -- School Vision Examinations

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The provisions which required every child enrolling in kindergarten or first grade in a public school to receive a comprehensive vision examination performed by a state licensed optometrist or physician sunset at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Beginning July 1, 2013, this bill requires a public school district to conduct an eye screening for each student before the completion of kindergarten, once before the completion of first grade, and again prior to completing the third grade. When a student fails an eye screening, the school district must send a notice informing the parent or guardian that the student must receive a comprehensive vision examination performed by a licensed optometrist or physician.

The Children's Vision Commission must analyze and adopt one or more standardized eye screening and eye examination tests to be used in all schools beginning in the 2013-2014 school year and submit a report to the General Assembly detailing its compliance with these provisions by December 31, 2016.

The provisions regarding the comprehensive vision examination expire on June 30, 2016.