

Senate Bill 351

By: Senators Butler of the 55th, Walker of the 22nd, Starr of the 44th, Ragan of the 11th and Thomas of the 10th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health, so as to change certain provisions relating to rules and regulations for nutritional screening and eye, ear, and dental examinations of students; to provide that such eye examinations shall be performed by ophthalmologists or optometrists; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health, is amended by striking Code Section 20-2-770, relating to rules and regulations for nutritional screening and eye, ear, and dental examinations of students, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"20-2-770.

The Department of Human Resources is authorized and directed, in cooperation with the State Board of Education, to promulgate rules and regulations to provide for a nutritional screening and eye, ear, and dental examinations for each student entering the first grade in the public schools of this state and at such other times as such rules and regulations shall provide. Such rules and regulations shall provide procedures for eye examinations to be performed by ophthalmologists or optometrists, for local boards of health to provide for such ear and dental examinations and nutritional screenings, and for the issuance of a certificate to the parent or parents of children entering the first grade indicating that such examinations and screenings have been made, and such certificates shall be turned in to the school officials at the time of enrollment. Such rules and regulations shall further provide that the examinations and screenings required in this Code section may be made by private practitioners and authorize the certification provided for in this Code section by such private practitioners."

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- SECTION 2.
- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.