

CHAPTER 356

EDUCATION - PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HOUSE BILL 26-1193

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also SENATOR(S) Wallace, Benavidez, Bridges, Cutter, Exum, Gonzales J., Hinrichsen, Jodeh, Kipp, Lindstedt, Marchman, Mullica, Coleman.

AN ACT**CONCERNING VISION TESTS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 22-1-116** as follows:

22-1-116. School children - vision and hearing tests.

The ~~sight~~ VISION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND THE VISION and hearing of all children in ~~the~~ kindergarten AND THE first, second, third, fifth, seventh, and ninth grades, or children in comparable age groups referred for testing, shall be tested during the school year by the teacher, principal, or other qualified person authorized by the school district. Each school in the district shall make a record of all ~~sight~~ VISION and hearing tests given during the school year and record the individual results of each test on each child's records. The parents or guardian ~~shall~~ MUST be informed when a deficiency is found. The provisions of this section ~~shall~~ DO not apply to any child whose parent or guardian objects on religious or personal grounds.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2026

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and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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