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72-5204. Definitions. As used in this act:

- (a) "School board" means the governing body of any school;
- (b) "school" means all elementary and high schools;
- (c) "basic vision screening" means an eye testing program for each child based on a test chart which is graduated as to size of symbols, or the so-called Snellen test, or any other system or method of testing equal thereto or better in the judgment of the school board.

History: L. 1959, ch. 310, § 1; June 30.

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72-5205. Basic vision screening required, exception; eye examination for conditions impairing reading ability. (a) (1) Each school board shall provide basic vision screening without charge to every pupil enrolled in each school under the governance of such school board not less than once every two (2) years. All such tests shall be performed by a teacher or some other person designated by the school board. The results of the test and, if necessary, the desirability of examination by a qualified physician, ophthalmologist or optometrist shall be reported to the parents or guardians of such pupils. Information relating to the desirability of examination by a qualified physician, ophthalmologist or optometrist shall not show preference in favor of any such professional person.

(2) The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to a pupil who has had a basic vision screening examination within six months prior to the provision of basic vision screening in the school in which the pupil is enrolled.

(b) Each pupil needing assistance in achieving mastery of basic reading, writing and mathematics skills shall be encouraged to obtain an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist to determine if the pupil suffers from conditions which impair the ability to read. Expense for such examination, if not reimbursed through Medicaid, Healthwave, private insurance or other governmental or private program, shall be the responsibility of the pupil's parent or guardian.

History: L. 1959, ch. 310, § 2; L. 2001, ch. 215, § 15; July 1.

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72-5207. Eye protective devices required when participating in certain courses. Every student and teacher in all schools, colleges, and universities or other educational institutions participating in any of the following courses:

(A) Vocational, technical or industrial arts shops or laboratories involving experience with:

1. Hot molten metals, or other molten materials;
2. Milling, sawing, turning, shaping, cutting, grinding, or stamping of any solid materials;
3. Heat treatment, tempering, or kiln firing of any metal or other materials;
4. Gas or electric arc welding, or other forms of welding processes;
5. Repair or servicing of any vehicle;
6. Caustic or explosive materials;

(B) Chemical or combined chemical-physical laboratories involving caustic or explosive chemicals or hot liquids or solids, or injurious radiations, or other hazards not enumerated; is required to wear appropriate industrial quality eye protective devices at all times while participating in such courses or laboratories. Such devices may be furnished for all students and teachers, and shall be furnished for all visitors to such classrooms and laboratories. Such devices may be purchased in large quantities and sold at cost to students and teachers.

"Industrial quality eye protective devices," as used in this section, means devices meeting the standards of the United States of America standard practice for occupational and educational eye and face protection, Z87. 1-1968, promulgated by the American national standards institute, inc.

The provisions of this section shall apply to industrial quality eye protective devices purchased or otherwise obtained for use after the effective date of this act, and shall not have retroactive application to disqualify any such device in use on or before the effective date of this act.

History: L. 1967, ch. 408, § 1; L. 1978, ch. 290, § 1; July 1.