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AN ACT

1 4 RELATING TO STUDENT EYE CARE AND INCLUDING AN APPLICABILITY

1 5 DATE PROVISION.

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1 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 9 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.7A STUDENT EYE CARE.

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1 11 1. A parent or guardian who registers a child for
1 12 kindergarten or a preschool program shall be given a student
1 13 vision card provided by the Iowa optometric association and as
1 14 approved by the department of education with a goal of every
1 15 child receiving an eye examination by age seven, as needed.

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1 16 2. School districts may encourage a student to receive an
1 17 eye examination by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist
1 18 prior to the student receiving special education services
1 19 pursuant to chapter 256B. The eye examination is not a
1 20 requirement for a student to receive special education
1 21 services. A parent or guardian shall be responsible for
1 22 ensuring that a student receives an eye examination pursuant
1 23 to this section.

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1 24 3. Area education agencies, pursuant to section 273.3,
1 25 shall make every effort to provide, in collaboration with
1 26 local community organizations, vision screening services to
1 27 children ages two through four.

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1 28 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY DATE. This Act applies to school
1 29 years beginning on or after July 1, 2009.

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President of the Senate

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PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and
is known as Senate File 2251, Eighty-second General Assembly.

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Secretary of the Senate

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