

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1322

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Repealing scoliosis screening in schools.

Sponsors: Representatives Green, Morrell, Hinkle, Kirby, Kelley, Moeller, Blake, Seaquist, Rolfes, Cody and Simpson.

House Committee on Health Care & Wellness
Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

Background:

Scoliosis is a condition in which the spine curves away from the center of the body in an "S" or a "C" shape. Many cases of scoliosis are mild and require no treatment. For more severe cases, treatment with a brace or surgery may be warranted.

Public school students must be screened for scoliosis at least three times; once in the fifth grade, once in the seventh grade, and once in the ninth grade. The procedures used for the screenings must be consistent with the standards of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. The parent or guardian of any student suspected of having scoliosis must be notified of the results of the screening and be provided with information about treatment services available from health care providers.

Summary:

The scoliosis screening program for public school students is repealed.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	96	0
Senate	45	3

Effective: July 26, 2009

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