

HOUSE BILL No. 2253

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 AN ACT concerning health and health care; relating to scoliosis screening;
2 requiring screening of all pupils enrolled in a school district or
3 accredited nonpublic school.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Every student enrolled in a school district or an
7 accredited nonpublic school shall be provided scoliosis screening without
8 charge as follows: (1) Boys shall be screened once in sixth grade and once
9 in eighth grade; and (2) girls shall be screened once in fifth grade and
10 once in seventh grade.

11 (b) Every student enrolled in a school district shall be provided
12 scoliosis screening by the board of education of the school district in
13 which the student resides and is enrolled.

14 (c) Every pupil in an accredited nonpublic school shall be provided
15 scoliosis screening either: (1) By the board of education of the accredited
16 nonpublic school in which the pupil is enrolled; or (2) by the board of
17 education of the school district in which the student resides upon request
18 by the student's parent or guardian. No board of education of a school
19 district shall be required to provide scoliosis screening outside the
20 geographical boundaries of the school district. If the accredited nonpublic
21 school in which the pupil is enrolled is located within the school district,
22 scoliosis screening shall be provided in the nonpublic school. If the
23 accredited nonpublic school in which the pupil is enrolled is located
24 outside the geographical boundaries of the school district, scoliosis
25 screening shall be provided in a school building operated by the school
26 district.

27 (d) All scoliosis screenings shall be performed by a person competent
28 in the use of a scoliometer or the use of a scoliometer smartphone
29 application and who has been designated by the board of education that
30 provides the scoliosis screening. The results of the screening and, if
31 necessary, the desirability of examination by a qualified physician shall be
32 reported to the parents or guardians of each student.

33 (e) As used in this act:

34 (1) "Board of education" means the board of education of any school
35 district or the governing authority of any accredited nonpublic school.

36 (2) "Accredited nonpublic school" means all nonpublic elementary

1 and secondary schools accredited by the state board of education.

2 (3) "School district" means any school district organized under the
3 laws of this state.

4 (4) "Scoliosis screening" means a scoliosis screening program
5 conducted by a trained individual using a scoliometer or a scoliometer
6 smartphone application.

7 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
8 publication in the statute book.