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STATE OF COLORADO

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**HOUSE BILL 26-1193**

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**Martinez,**

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**(None),**

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**House Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING VISION TESTS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Current law requires that school districts test the vision of students in kindergarten and the first, second, third, fifth, seventh, and ninth grades.

The bill requires that school districts also test the vision of students in pre-kindergarten and updates terminology by replacing the word "sight" with the word "vision".

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

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

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

4           **22-1-116. School children - vision and hearing tests.**

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

16           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
19 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
23 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
24 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.