

By Mr. Bachrach, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 229) of George Bachrach, Mary Jane Gibson, Raymond A. Rosborough, Pearl M. Rosborough and others for legislation to provide that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health review and upgrade the current public eye screening test for the entering child, specific learning disabilities child and other special needs children as to their visual skills abilities as it relates to the reading act. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW AND UPGRADE THE CURRENT PUBLIC EYE SCREENING TEST FOR THE ENTERING CHILD, SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES CHILD AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AS TO THEIR VISUAL SKILLS ABILITIES AS IT RELATES TO THE READING ACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 766 of the acts of 1972 is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 13C the following section: —
- 3 Section 13D. An eye examination shall be done and shall
- 4 include but not be limited to case history, external examination of
- 5 the globe and adnexa, evaluation of direct and consensual pupillary
- 6 response to light and accommodation, ophthalmoscopy, and static
- 7 retinoscopy and non-cycloplegic refraction including evaluation at
- 8 twenty foot and sixteen inch distances. Refractive procedures shall
- 9 evaluate distance and near focusing and coordination functions.
- 10 Stereopsis shall be evaluated at distance and near. Evaluation of
- 11 ocular movements including apparent nystagmus or limitation of
- 12 movement; fixations and convergence must also be evaluated.

