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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 5110**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENT FORMS BY YOUTH CAMPS AND DAY CARE CENTERS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations require youth camps, child day care centers, and group and family day care homes to have on file a physical examination for each child before he or she enrolls at the camp or facility. (A youth camp may use a health status certificate in lieu of a physical.)

Starting July 1, 2013, this bill permits these entities to allow the use of required school physicals and either (1) the public school student health assessment form (referred to as the “blue form”) or (2) the State Department of Education’s early childhood assessment record form, for this purpose as long as the department’s required timeframes for completing the physicals are met (see BACKGROUND).

By allowing the use of school physicals, the bill broadens who can perform the required physical examination to include physicians, advanced practice and registered nurses, physician assistants, and school medical advisors. Current DPH regulations do not allow these camps, centers, or homes to use physical examinations performed by school medical advisors, except for youth camps. In addition, the regulations do not allow registered nurses to perform the examination for children attending group day care homes and child day care centers.

The bill also makes a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **BACKGROUND**

***Physical Exam Requirements For Youth Camps and Day Care Facilities***

DPH regulations require youth camps to have a physical examination or health status certification on file for each camper dated no earlier than 36 months of the child's arrival at camp. School physicals may be used for this purpose, subject to the conditions of timeliness the commissioner believes appropriate.

Child day care centers and group day care homes require children to complete an annual physical examination. Family day care homes require physical examinations to be completed (1) annually for preschoolers, and (2) for older children, according to the public school system schedule.

***School Physicals***

By law, each public school student must complete a health assessment, conducted by a physician or other authorized health professional, prior to enrollment and during grades six or seven and nine or ten. The assessments must include a physical examination; immunization updates; and depending on the child's age, vision, hearing, speech, dental, and posture screenings.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (04/02/2013)