

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3626

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

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1 On page 1 of the printed updated sponsors bill, line 2, after the semicolon insert “appropriating
2 money;”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Department of Education shall establish a pilot program that is
5 operated in three school districts in this state and that provides vision screenings to stu-
6 dents in those districts. The purpose of the pilot program is to determine evidence-based,
7 cost-effective methods for identifying students who may have vision problems that interfere
8 with learning and school performance.**

9 **“(b) The school districts participating in the pilot program must be of different sizes and
10 geographic locations.**

11 **“(c) The department may enter into a contract with a public or private entity to imple-
12 ment the pilot program.**

13 **“(2) The department shall ensure that the greatest number of students practicable in
14 grades 1 through 8 from the school districts participating in the pilot program receive a vi-
15 sion screening prior to January 1, 2011.**

16 **“(3) Nothing in this section requires a student to participate in a vision screening if the
17 parent or guardian of the student provides a statement that the vision screening is contrary
18 to the religious beliefs of the student or of the parent or guardian of the student.**

19 **“(4) The department may accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United
20 States Government and its agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree
21 to conditions placed on the funds that are not inconsistent with the purposes of this section.**

22 **“(5) All funds received by the department for the pilot program shall be paid into the
23 Department of Education Account established by ORS 326.115 to the credit of the pilot pro-
24 gram.**

25 **“(6) Not later than March 1, 2011, the department shall report the results of the pilot
26 program to the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, including:**

27 **“(a) The number of students who received vision screenings;**

28 **“(b) The number of students who, based on the vision screenings, were:**

29 **“(A) Referred to an ophthalmologist or an optometric physician for an eye examination;**

30 **“(B) Identified as requiring vision correction or treatment; and**

31 **“(C) Provided vision correction or treatment;**

32 **“(c) The estimated cost per student for the students who received vision screenings; and**

33 **“(d) Recommendations for how to fund and implement statewide a program that provides
34 students with vision screenings.**

35 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2010 Act is repealed on June 30, 2011.**

1 **“SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium**
2 **beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of**
3 **carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2010 Act.**

4 **“SECTION 4. This 2010 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
5 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2010 Act takes effect**
6 **on its passage.”.**

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