



HOUSE BILL 81 – HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN

BILL SPONSOR(S)	Representative Andrade and Health and Human Services Committee
EFFECTIVE DATE(S)	July 1, 2020
STATUTE(S)	Amends sections (ss.) 383.14, 383.318, 395.1053, 409.9071, 409.908 and 1002.391, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Creates s. 456.0496, F.S.

SUMMARY

The bill requires the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) to release a pamphlet with information on screening for preventable childhood eye and vision disorders. In addition, the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) is directed to make Medicaid reimbursements to school districts for eligible school-based health services provided to any student, not just students with disabilities. The bill revises the definition of “Auditory-oral education program,” and requires a student’s individual educational plan (IEP) team to include a certified listening and spoken language specialist from the student’s family’s chosen auditory-oral education program.

HIGHLIGHTS

- FDOH’s pamphlet must be available electronically.
- Hospitals and other healthcare providers that provide birthing services are required to provide FDOH’s pamphlet to each parent upon the birth of a baby.
- AHCA is authorized to provide school districts with Medicaid reimbursements for eligible school-based health services provided to any Medicaid-eligible student, not just students with disabilities.
- For purposes of s. 1002.391, F.S., the meaning of “auditory-oral education program” is revised to include the use of faculty and supervisors certified as listening and spoken language specialists each day the child is in attendance. A student’s IEP team must include a certified listening and spoken language specialist from the family’s chosen auditory-oral education program to determine the student’s level of services.

GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

JULY 1, 2020	The bill becomes effective
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