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(a) (1) Each county board or county health department shall provide hearing and vision screenings for all students in the public schools.

(2) Each county health department shall provide and fund hearing and vision screenings for all students:

(i) In any private school that has received a certificate of approval under § 2-206 of this article; and

(ii) In any nonpublic educational facility in this State approved as a special education facility by the Department.

(b) (1) Unless evidence is presented that a student has been tested within the past year, the screenings required under subsection (a) of this section shall be given in the year that a student enters a school system, enters the fourth, fifth, or sixth grade, and enters the ninth grade.

(2) Further screening shall be done in accordance with the bylaws adopted by the State Board.

(c) The results of the hearing and vision screenings required by this section shall be:

(1) Made a part of the permanent record file of each student; [and]

(2) Given to the parents of any student who fails the screenings; AND

(3) REPORTED TO THE COUNTY BOARD OR THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

(D) THE COUNTY BOARD OR THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL:

~~(1) ASCERTAIN IF THE SERVICES RECOMMENDED BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE HEARING AND VISION SCREENING HAVE BEEN OBTAINED;~~

~~(2) DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL SERVICES ARE NEEDED; AND~~

~~(3) REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE THE RESULTS OF THE HEARING AND VISION SCREENINGS AND, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING THE RECOMMENDED SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.~~

[(d)] (E) In cooperation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Education shall adopt standards, rules, and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

[(e)] (F) A student whose parent or guardian objects in writing to hearing and vision screening on the ground that it conflicts with the tenets and practice of a