

recognized church or religious denomination of which he is an adherent or member may not be required to take these screenings.

7-403.1.

(a) In this section, "scoliosis" means a lateral curvature of the spine, which can develop into a permanent crippling disability if left untreated.

(b) Each public school system in conjunction with the county health department shall provide scoliosis screening tests for all students in that public school at least once in grades 6 through 8.

(c) If a student is suspected of having scoliosis, [the parent or guardian of the student shall receive:

(1) A copy of the screening report; and

(2) Information about:] A COPY OF THE SCREENING REPORT SHALL BE:

(1) GIVEN TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT WITH INFORMATION ABOUT:

(i) The condition of idiopathic scoliosis;

(ii) The significance of treating scoliosis at an early stage; and

(iii) Services available for treatment after diagnosis; AND

(2) SENT TO THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

(D) THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) ASCERTAIN IF THE SERVICES RECOMMENDED BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE SCOLIOSIS SCREENING HAVE BEEN OBTAINED;

(2) DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL SERVICES ARE NEEDED; AND

(3) REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE SCOLIOSIS SCREENING AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING THE RECOMMENDED SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

[(d)] (E) A student whose parent or guardian objects in writing to the screening may not be required to be screened.

[(e)] (F) A person who performs any screening required by this section is not liable for any civil damages resulting from acts or omissions in the screening not amounting to gross negligence.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.