

A bill for an act
relating to education; requiring school districts to fully inform parents of
their ability to refuse an early childhood developmental screening because
of conscientiously held beliefs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
121A.17, subdivision 5.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 121A.17, subdivision 5, is amended to
read:

Subd. 5. **Developmental screening program information.** The board must inform
each resident family with a child eligible to participate in the developmental screening
program about:

(1) the availability of the program and the state's requirement that a child receive
a developmental screening or provide health records indicating that the child received a
comparable developmental screening from a public or private health care organization
or individual health care provider not later than 30 days after the first day of attending
kindergarten in a public school; and

(2) that if a statement signed by the child's parent or guardian is submitted to the
administrator or other person having general control and supervision of the school that
the child has not been screened because of conscientiously held beliefs of the parent
or guardian, the screening is not required.

A school district must inform all resident families with eligible children under age seven
that their children may receive a developmental screening conducted either by the school
district or by a public or private health care organization or individual health care provider.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.