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Bill Analysis

SB 1319 creates the Public School Vision Screening Modernization Revolving Fund. Monies from the Fund shall be used to award grants to public schools to obtain vision screening equipment, collect data, and obtain related services. Electronic eye charts must meet national standards of care as well as meet the guidelines established by the most recent version of the Procedures for the Evaluation of the Visual System by Pediatricians. The measure directs the State Department of Health to electronically submit an annual report on all grants awarded to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, and Governor by January 15 each year. The measure also allows the use of electronic eye charts in school vision screenings and requires the Department to maintain a cloud-based data management system to collect and analyze data from schools. Additionally, the State Department of Education is directed to share vision screening results and any other relevant information with the State Department of Health.

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