

## Gov. Signs Vision Examination Bill

The Vision Examination Bill, which was introduced by Rep. Terry Steczo in the beginning of the legislative session, has been officially signed into law by Governor James Thompson.

The law, which is identical to school dental codes, recommends school districts adopt a policy requiring vision examinations for students entering first, fifth and ninth grades.

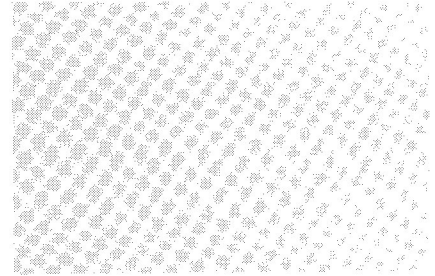
"I think this law is extremely beneficial to the children of Illinois who may have been overlooked when it came to their eye care," said Dr. Martin J. Sikorski, President of the Illinois Optometric Association. "The law will also have a positive effect on youngsters having difficulty with their visual abilities."

The law, which is part of the School Code Law, adopted on March 18, 1961, emphasizes that physicians licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or licensed optometrists, shall perform all vision exams which may be required by school authorities.



*Gov. James Thompson signed the Vision Examination Bill into law September 11, 1987.*

"It is a law that school districts choose to adopt a policy," said Dr. Floyd Woods, in an earlier interview. "It is identical to school dental codes. A school has the option of enforcing a state recommendation."



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