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The special Senses and Communication Disorders Act (Article 4419g, V.T.C.S.) was passed by the 68th Texas Legislature in 1983. In 1985, this was amended by HB 2004 in the 69th Texas Legislative Session. The law requires that all children enrolled in any public, private, parochial or denominational licensed child-care facility or school in Texas for the first time, or who meet certain grade criteria (as specified below) must be screened or have a professional examination for possible Vision, Hearing, Acanthosis Nigricans or Spinal problems. Vision and Hearing screening is also required for all special education candidates.

WHO MUST BE SCREENED

WHEN

4 year-olds, Kindergarten, or other first-time entrants into Texas schools.

Within 120 days of admission or before the end of first semester.

1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders.

Anytime within the school year.

**Risk Assessment for Type 2 Diabetes
1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders.**

At the time of Vision and Hearing screening

A student is exempt from screening if it conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination of which the student is an adherent or a member. The minor student's parent, managing conservator, or guardian must submit an affidavit stating the objections to screening. This affidavit shall be submitted to the school nurse on or before the day of the screening procedure each year the screening is performed.