SENATE BILL 643 By Marrero B

HOUSE BILL 777

By Turner M

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5004, relative to eye examinations for school children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5004, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (a) and by redesignating subsequent subsections accordingly:

(a) It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of a child attending any grade kindergarten through twelve (K-12) in a public school to have the child's eyes examined annually by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist. The results of such examination shall be reported in the same manner as immunizations are presently reported.

SECTION 1. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.