INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
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Public Meeting Held November 19, 2026

Regulation No. 10-241 (#3448)
Department of Health
Vision Screening and Comprehensive Eye Exams

On June 13, 2025, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Health (Department). This rulemaking amends 28 Pa. Code, Chapter 23. The proposed regulation was published in the June 28, 2025 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on July 28, 2025. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 16, 2026.

This final-form regulation establishes vision screening standards for schools based on instrument-based vision screening technologies or visual acuity testing, taking into consideration national guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus. These standards apply to a child entering a school for the first time, every year thereafter until the child completes the fifth grade, and at least every two years thereafter until the child graduates from the twelfth grade.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (24 P.S. § 14-1403.1(a)(2)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.

THE INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

George D. Bedwick, Chairman