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TSNO Members,

The newly adopted Spinal Screening rules, requiring a change to your school nursing practice, have been published in the [Texas Register, 1/9/15 issue](#) for review. Select 25 TAC §37.143, Spinal Screening Procedures to read the Texas Administrative Code, page 238. I encourage you to take the time to review these rules, and make a plan for needed changes on your school campus.

Conclusion--What does it all mean for the School Nurse?

- Effective September 2015, Spinal Screening will be conducted on 6th and 9th graders, no longer on 5th and 8th graders.
- Additionally, for those 5th and 8th graders screened this 2014-2015 School Year:
 - Those screened in grade 5 will be screened again in grade 9.
 - Those screened in grade 8 will have completed their spinal screenings.

TSNO discovered these newly adopted rules in the Texas Department of State Health Services Beat. Enroll today at www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth/fridaybeat.shtm to receive this weekly publication.

Stay connected, there is power in numbers! TSNO currently has 2,164 members. To make a true change requires legislation. Stay in touch with your Regional President and check the TSNO website for future action. Together we can move mountains on behalf of the 5.1 million students in Texas!

Keeping you informed with the latest information that directly impacts your nursing practice.

Best regards,

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