

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

STUDENTS: Requires students who are entering eleventh grade or who are 16 and entering any grade to provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease as a condition of school entry

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170.4(A)(1) and (C)(2), relative to immunizations; to require
3 certain students to be immunized against meningococcal disease; to provide for
4 exceptions; to provide relative to rules and regulations; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:170.4(A)(1) and (C)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 as follows:

9 §170.4. Immunizations of certain persons against meningococcal disease;
10 exceptions

11 A.(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, ~~beginning with~~
12 ~~the 2009-2010 school year and continuing thereafter~~, a student shall provide
13 satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease in
14 accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and
15 Prevention as a condition of entry into the sixth grade and as a condition of entry into
16 the eleventh grade at any city, parish, or other local public school or nonpublic
17 school.

18 (b) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, ~~beginning with the~~
19 ~~2009-2010 school year and continuing thereafter~~, a student who is eleven years old

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires current immunization against meningococcal disease by students who are entering 11th grade or who are age 16 and entering any grade; effective July 1, 2019.

Present law requires:

- (1) A student to provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease as a condition of entry into sixth grade.
- (2) A student who is 11 and entering a grade other than sixth grade to provide such evidence as a condition of entry into such grade.
- (3) A student who is 11 and participating in an approved home study program to provide such evidence to the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

Present law excepts from such requirements any person:

- (1) Whose parent, tutor, or legal guardian signs a waiver stating that the person shall not be immunized for religious or other personal reasons.
- (2) Whose parent, tutor, or legal guardian has submitted a written statement from a physician stating that the immunization is contraindicated for medical reasons.
- (3) Who is unable to comply due to a shortage in the supply of available vaccinations.

Proposed law retains present law; makes the same requirement a condition of entry into 11th grade and entry into any grade by a student who is 16; also requires a student who is 16 and participating in an approved home study program to provide such evidence to BESE. Proposed law applies present law exceptions to proposed law requirements. Also provides that satisfactory evidence of current immunization against this disease provided pursuant to present law and proposed law shall be in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Present law provides for the following:

- (1) Implementation according to La. Dept. of Health (LDH) rules, including an implementation schedule.
- (2) A requirement that LDH provide such rules to the state Dept. of Education (DOE) and a requirement that DOE notify each school governing authority and the parent or legal guardian of any student participating in an approved home study program of present law requirements and the rules and schedule for their implementation.

Proposed law additionally applies such provisions to proposed law.

Effective July 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 17:170.4(A)(1) and (C)(2))