

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 176

2018 Regular Session

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

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Add requirement that any written communication issued to students include notice regarding exemptions from present law and proposed law.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law requires a student:

- (1) To provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease as a condition of entry into sixth grade.
- (2) Who is 11 and entering a grade other than sixth grade to provide such evidence as a condition of entry into such grade.
- (3) 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 whose parent signs a waiver stating that the person shall not be immunized for religious or other personal reasons, whose parent submits a written statement from a physician that the immunization is contraindicated for medical reasons, or who is unable to comply due to a vaccine shortage.

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 and adds requirement that any written communication issued to students include notice that his parent may be exempt from compliance with present law and proposed law pursuant to such present law exceptions. Also provides that satisfactory evidence of current immunization against this disease provided pursuant to present law and proposed law shall be in accordance with a directive from the state Dept. of Education (DOE) and La. Dept. of Health (LDH) that is based on recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Present law provides for the following:

- (1) Implementation according to LDH rules, including an implementation schedule.
- (2) A requirement that LDH provide such rules to 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); Adds R.S. 170.4(E))