The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

DIGEST

SB 51 Original

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

Barrow

<u>Present law</u> provides a pharmacist may administer an influenza immunization to any person seven years of age or older without a prescription or medical order if certain criteria are met.

<u>Proposed law retains present law</u> but lowers the threshold age to three years.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a pharmacist may administer to an individual age 17 or older an immunization or a vaccine without a patient-specific prescription or medical order if the immunization or the vaccine is administered in conformance with the most current immunization administration protocol as set forth by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but lowers the threshold age to three years and removes the requirement for a prescription or medical order. Further provides for immunizations and vaccines to be administered if consistent with U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved labeling or is otherwise authorized by the FDA.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a pharmacist shall obtain the appropriate credentials to administer immunizations from the La. Board of Pharmacy prior to administering any immunizations.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:1218(intro para) and 1218.1(A)(intro para); repeals R.S. 37:1218(A)(5) and 1218.1(A)(4))