

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 399****2023 Regular Session****Edmonston**

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Requires that communication issued about immunization requirements include exemption information, applies exemptions not only to students seeking to enter school but also to students attending school and exempts college students who only register for online courses from immunization requirements

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Exempt college students who only register for online courses from present law immunization requirements.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law requires each person entering any school (licensed day care centers and elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools) for the first time to present satisfactory evidence of immunity to or immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases according to a schedule approved by the office of public health or to present evidence of an immunization program in progress. Exempts a student seeking to enter any such school or facility from this requirement if he submits a written statement from a doctor relative to medical contraindication or a written dissent.

Proposed law provides the following relative to the present law exemption:

- (1) Applies the exemption not only to students seeking to enter school but also to students attending school.
- (2) Requires that any communication issued to students or their parents or guardians relative to immunization requirements include the text and legal citation of the present law exemption provision.
- (3) Exempts college students who only register for online courses.

(Amends R.S. 17:170(E) and (F); Adds R.S. 17:170(G))