

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 182****2023 Regular Session****Edmonston**

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Provides that no person shall be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of enrollment or attendance at any public or nonpublic school and exempts college students who only register for online courses from general immunization requirements

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Broaden present law vaccine exemption to include college students who only register for online courses.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law requires each person entering any school (licensed day care centers, elementary and secondary schools, and colleges/universities) 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 (OPH) 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 also exempts college students who only register for online courses.

Present law provides that the schedule may provide specific requirements based on age, grade in school, or type of school. Authorizes a school, with OPH approval, to require immunizations or proof of immunity more extensive than required by the OPH schedule. Proposed law provides, notwithstanding present law, that no person shall be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of initial enrollment or continuing attendance at such a school (public or nonpublic).

(Amends R.S. 17:170(F); Adds R.S. 17:170(A)(4) and (G))