

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONSTON, AMEDEE, BAGLEY, DEVILLIER,  
EMERSON, FIRMENT, FRIEMAN, GAROFALO, HODGES, HORTON,  
MCCORMICK, MIGUEZ, CHARLES OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN,  
AND SEABAUGH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170(F) and to enact R.S. 17:170(A)(4) and (G), relative to  
3 student immunization requirements; to provide that no person shall be required to  
4 receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of initial enrollment or continuing  
5 attendance at a public or nonpublic school; to provide relative to students registered  
6 for courses that do not meet physically; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:170(F) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:170(A)(4)  
9 and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §170. Immunization of persons entering schools, kindergartens, colleges,  
11 proprietary or vocational schools, and day care centers for the first time;  
12 immunization of persons entering sixth grade; electronic transmission of  
13 immunization compliance reports

14 A.

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16 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section or any other provision of  
17 law to the contrary, no person shall be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as  
18 a condition of initial enrollment or continuing attendance at any public or nonpublic  
19 school or facility enumerated in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

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1                   F. In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at the location  
 2                   of an educational institution or facility enumerated in Subsection A of this Section,  
 3                   the administrators of that institution or facility are empowered, upon the  
 4                   recommendation of the office of public health, to exclude from attendance  
 5                   ~~unimmunized students and clients~~ any student or client for whom it has no record of  
 6                   or insufficient record of immunization until the appropriate disease incubation period  
 7                   has expired or the ~~unimmunized~~ person presents evidence of immunization.

8                   G. The provisions of Paragraphs (A)(1) through (3) of this Section shall not  
 9                   apply to any person whose course registration is limited to correspondence courses,  
 10                  online courses, or any other courses at a postsecondary education institution that do  
 11                  not require meeting physically on campus for any reason or at any time. If such  
 12                  person subsequently registers for courses that meet physically on campus, such  
 13                  person shall be required to provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization as  
 14                  a condition of registration for such courses at such institution as provided in  
 15                  Paragraphs (A)(1) through (3) of the Section.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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