
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires parental consent before the administration of vaccinations to minors.

Proposed law defines "department", "healthcare provider", "minor", and "vaccination".

Proposed law provides that the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, prior to the administration of a vaccine listed in the vaccine injury table to a minor, requires healthcare providers to provide the vaccine information statement provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to a minor's parent, legal guardian, or representative.

Proposed law provides that the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 provides an exemption to vaccine manufacturers from being liable to harm caused to or death of a patient as a result of a vaccine.

Proposed law provides that if a healthcare provider is administering more than one vaccine in a single visit, no safety studies have been performed, before or after approval of the vaccine, on the combination of vaccines the provider plans to administer for each vaccine being administered.

Proposed law provides exemptions and right of conscience provisions to families who choose to opt out of the vaccinations that school systems and employers require to ensure that the minor may remain at his school or place of work unvaccinated.

Proposed law prohibits a healthcare provider from giving a vaccination to a minor, unless the provider receives prior written informed consent in person from the minor's parent, legal guardian, or representative.

Proposed law requires the minor's parent, legal guardian, or representative to have the legal authority to decline some or all vaccinations recommended or otherwise.

Proposed law provides that a violation of proposed law is deemed an unlawful practice and act as grounds to file a complaint with the healthcare provider's licensing authority. Proposed law further requires the licensing authority of the offending healthcare provider to conduct an immediate investigation and take appropriate disciplinary action, if the licensing authority receives information regarding a violation.

Proposed law requires LDH to promulgate rules in accordance with the APA to carry out the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 40:1079.4)