
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Hodges to Engrossed House Bill No. 46 by Representative Edmonston

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 17:170(A)(4)" insert "and to enact R.S. 40:1125.42"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, after "school;" insert "to provide with respect to COVID-19 vaccine
5 mandates; to prohibit mandates of certain experimental drugs that are only authorized for
6 experimental use or emergency use; to provide with respect to masking; to provide for
7 exceptions;"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, after line 18, insert the following:

10 "Section 2. R.S. 40:1125.42 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1125.42. COVID-19 vaccinations; mandates

12 A.(1) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, a governmental
13 entity or business shall not implement, order, or impose a mandate requiring a person
14 to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or requiring a person to inject or ingest an
15 experimental drug that is only authorized for experimental use or emergency use and,
16 therefore, has not received full approval from the United States Food and Drug
17 Administration.

18 (2) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, a governmental entity
19 or business shall not implement, order, or impose a mandate requiring a person to
20 wear a face covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

21 B. The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any of the following:

22 (1) A hospitals as defined by R.S. 40:2102, a nursing facility as defined by
23 R.S. 40:2009.2, a physician's office, an ambulance service practitioner as defined by
24 R.S. 40:1131, an ambulatory surgical center, or any other medical facility to which
25 the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services mandates that the
26 COVID-19 vaccination be administered.

27 (2) A correctional facility as defined by R.S. 14:402.

28 C. As used in this Section, "governmental entity" means any department,
29 office, division, agency, commission, board, committee, or other organizational unit
30 of the state or a political subdivision.

31 D. The attorney general may seek injunctive relief if a governmental entity
32 violates the provisions of this Section. If an injunction is issued pursuant to a
33 violation of this Section, a court may include reasonable requirements to prevent
34 further violations of this Section and may award attorney fees and costs."