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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 47 2024 Regular Session Edmonston

Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Requires that communication issued about immunization requirements include exemption information and applies exemptions not only to students seeking to enter school but also to students attending school

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

- 1. Remove <u>proposed law</u> requirement that written dissent include written verification that the child has been examined by a physician.
- 2. Exempt distance learners from <u>present law</u> and <u>proposed law</u> relative to vaccine requirements for persons attending or seeking to enter a school.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Make technical correction.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> 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:

- (1) Applies the exemption not only to students seeking to enter school but also to students attending school.
- (2) Applies exemption to distance learners.

(3) Requires that any communication issued to students or their parents or guardians relative to immunization requirements include the text and legal citation of the exemption provision.

(Amends R.S. 17:170(A)(E))