
DIGEST

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HB 176 Engrossed

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Leger

Abstract: Requires current immunization against meningococcal disease by students who are entering 11th grade or who are age 16 and entering any grade; effective July 1, 2019.

Present law requires:

- (1) A student to provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease as a condition of entry into sixth grade.
- (2) A student who is 11 and entering a grade other than sixth grade to provide such evidence as a condition of entry into such grade.
- (3) A student who is 11 and participating in an approved home study program to provide such evidence to the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

Present law excepts from such requirements any person:

- (1) Whose parent, tutor, or legal guardian signs a waiver stating that the person shall not be immunized for religious or other personal reasons.
- (2) Whose parent, tutor, or legal guardian has submitted a written statement from a physician stating that the immunization is contraindicated for medical reasons.
- (3) Who is unable to comply due to a shortage in the supply of available vaccinations.

Proposed law retains present law; makes the same requirement a condition of entry into 11th grade and entry into any grade by a student who is 16; also requires a student who is 16 and participating in an approved home study program to provide such evidence to BESE. Proposed law applies present law exceptions to proposed law requirements. Also provides that satisfactory evidence of current immunization against this disease provided pursuant to present law and proposed law shall be in accordance with a directive from the state Dept. of Education and La. Dept. of Health that is based on recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Present law provides for the following:

- (1) Implementation according to LDH rules, including an implementation schedule.

- (2) A requirement that LDH provide such rules to the state Dept. of Education (DOE) and a requirement that DOE notify each school governing authority and the parent or legal guardian of any student participating in an approved home study program of present law requirements and the rules and schedule for their implementation.

Proposed law additionally applies such provisions to proposed law.

Effective July 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 17:170.4(A)(1) and (C)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Specify that satisfactory evidence of current immunization against disease, instead of being in accordance with recommendations of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), shall be in accordance with a directive from the state Dept. of Education and La. Dept. of Health that is based on such recommendations.