

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Requires that any communication issued to students or parents relative to immunization requirements include exemption information and an exemption form

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170(E), relative to student immunization requirements; to  
3 require that any communication issued to students or parents relative to  
4 immunization requirements include information relative to exemption from such  
5 requirements and an exemption form; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:170(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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13 E.(1) No person seeking to enter any school or facility enumerated in  
14 Subsection A of this Section shall be required to comply with the provisions of this  
15 Section if the student or his parent or guardian submits either a written statement  
16 from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons;  
17 or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian ~~is presented~~.

18 (2) Any communication issued to students or parents relative to the  
19 requirements of this Section shall include the following information:

- 1           (a) The text and legal citation of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.
- 2           (b) A form for submitting the physician's statement or written dissent as
- 3           authorized by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.
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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires that any communication issued to students or parents about immunization requirements include exemption information and an exemption form.

Present law requires each person entering any school 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. Exempts a student from this requirement if he submits a written dissent or a doctor's note relative to medical contraindication. Proposed law requires that any communication issued to students or parents relative to immunization requirements include the text and legal citation of the present law exemption provision and an exemption form for opting out of the requirements, as authorized by present law.

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