

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 600

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRIEMAN

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Provides for release of opt-out information to the public when state law requires a vaccination or immunization

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2023.1, relative to the public release of information regarding opt-out
3 information for all mandated immunizations and vaccinations; to require certain
4 communications from the Louisiana Department of Health; to include exemption and
5 procedural information; to require the distribution of information regarding opt-out
6 of immunization and vaccination; to provide for guidelines and procedures; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:2023.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2023.1. Governmental vaccination mandate; public release of opt-out information
11 regarding immunizations and vaccinations

12 A. In the event of a governmental immunization or vaccination mandate for
13 a disease, the Louisiana Department of Health shall publicize and distribute all
14 information relative to the methods for opting out of the mandated immunization or
15 vaccination. This information shall include but not be limited to qualification for
16 exemption, and procedures for retrieving and submitting opt-out documentation, both
17 electronically and physically.

18 B. The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop and provide the
19 information identified in Subsection A of this Section, which shall be updated

1 annually if new information about the mandated vaccination, immunization, or
2 methods for opting out of either become available.

3 C. The Louisiana Department of Health shall determine the most cost-
4 effective and efficient means of distributing opt-out information as identified in
5 Subsection A of this Section.

6 D. The Louisiana Department of Health shall promulgate, in accordance with
7 the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et. seq., all such rules as necessary
8 to implement the provisions of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to make available to the public all methods for opting out of immunizations or vaccinations when mandated by the government.

Proposed law requires that LDH publicize and distribute all information relative to methods for opting out of the mandated immunization or vaccination in the publicized immunization and vaccination information required by proposed law.

Proposed law states that the required opt-out information shall include but not be limited to qualification for exemption, and procedures for retrieving and submitting opt-out documentation, both electronically and physically.

Proposed law requires that all information relative to opting out of the mandated vaccinations or immunizations be updated annually if new information becomes available.

Proposed law requires LDH to determine the most cost-effective and efficient means of distributing such information to the public.

Proposed law requires LDH to establish all guidelines and procedures for carrying out the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 40:2023.1)