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## DIGEST

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HB 47 Reengrossed

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Edmonston

**Abstract:** Requires all public and nonpublic schools to accept a student's documentation relative to exemption from immunization requirements and requires any communication issued to students or their parents or guardians about such requirements to include exemption information.

Present law 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. 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) Requires each such school and facility, both public and nonpublic, to accept such written statements or dissents.
- (2) Applies the exemption not only to students seeking to enter school but also to students attending school.
- (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 present law exemption provision.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Require each public and nonpublic school and facility to accept exemption documentation.
2. Remove requirement that schools provide an exemption form.
3. Specify that exemption applies not only to those seeking to enter school but those attending school.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Regarding communications issued by schools, includes those sent to students' guardians in addition to their parents.