

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONSTON, AMEDEE, AND CHARLES OWEN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Provides that no person shall be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of enrollment or attendance at any public or nonpublic school

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:170(A)(4), relative to student immunization requirements; to provide that
3 no person shall be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of initial
4 enrollment or continuing attendance at a public or nonpublic school; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:170(A)(4) is hereby enacted 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

12 A.

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14 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section or any other provision of
15 law to the contrary, no person shall be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as
16 a condition of initial enrollment or continuing attendance at any public or nonpublic
17 school or facility enumerated in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits requiring a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of enrollment or attendance at a public or nonpublic school (applicable to licensed day care centers, K-12 schools, and colleges and universities).

Present law requires each person entering any school (licensed day care centers, elementary and secondary schools, and colleges/universities) 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 (OPH) or to present evidence of an immunization program in progress. Provides that the schedule may provide specific requirements based on age, grade in school, or type of school. Authorizes a school, with OPH approval, to require immunizations or proof of immunity more extensive than required by the OPH schedule.

Proposed law provides, notwithstanding present law, that no person shall be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of initial enrollment or continuing attendance at such a school (public or nonpublic).

(Adds R.S. 17:170(A)(4))