VACCINES/VACCINATION: Requires that communication issued about immunization requirements include exemption information and applies exemptions not only to students seeking to enter school but also to students attending school.
physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons, or a
written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian is presented.

(2) Any communication issued to persons or their parents or guardians
relative to the requirements of this Section shall include the text and legal citation
of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

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Abstract: Requires that communication issued to students or parents about immunization
requirements include exemption information and applies exemptions not only to
students seeking to enter school but also to students attending school.

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) Applies the exemption not only to students seeking to enter school but also to
students attending school.

(2) 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))

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