

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 182

2023 Regular Session

Edmonston

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.

DIGEST

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).

Present law allows the administrators of an institution or facility, upon the recommendation of the office of public health, to exclude from attendance unimmunized students and clients in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at the location of an educational institution or facility until the appropriate disease incubation period has expired or the unimmunized person presents evidence of immunization.

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes the administrators of an institution or facility, upon the recommendation of the office of public health, to exclude from attendance any student or client for whom it has no record of or insufficient record of immunization.

Proposed law exempts any person at a postsecondary education institution that is taking courses that do not require meeting physically on campus for any reason or at any time from providing current immunization documents. Proposed law further provides that if the person subsequently registers for courses that meet physically on campus, then he must provide evidence of current immunization in accordance with present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:170(F); adds R.S. 17:170(A)(4) and (G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the engrossed bill

1. Authorize the administrators of an institution or facility, upon the recommendation of the office of public health, to exclude any student or client for whom it has no record of or insufficient record of immunization from attendance in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at the location of an educational institution or facility until the appropriate disease incubation period has expired or the person presents evidence of immunization.
2. Exempt any person at a postsecondary education institution that is taking courses that do not require meeting physically on campus for any reason or at any time from presenting current immunization documents.

3. Require a person who subsequently registers for courses that meet physically on campus, after not meeting physically on campus, to present evidence of current immunization documents in accordance with present law.
4. Make technical amendments.