

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 399

BY REPRESENTATIVES EDMONSTON, AMEDEE, GAROFALO, AND CHARLES OWEN

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170(E) and (F) and to enact R.S. 17:170(G), relative to
3 student immunization requirements; to require that any communication issued to
4 students or their parents or guardians relative to immunization requirements include
5 information relative to exemption from such requirements; to provide that
6 exemptions apply to those attending schools in addition to those seeking to enter
7 schools; to provide relative to students registered for courses that do not meet
8 physically; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:170(E) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
11 17:170(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §170. Immunization of persons entering schools, kindergartens, colleges,
13 proprietary or vocational schools, and day care centers for the first time;
14 immunization of persons entering sixth grade; electronic transmission of
15 immunization compliance reports; exemption

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17 E.(1) No person attending or seeking to enter any school or facility
18 enumerated in Subsection A of this Section shall be required to comply with the
19 provisions of this Section, including any additional immunization or proof of
20 immunity requirement adopted pursuant to the provisions of this Section, if the
21 ~~student~~ person or his parent or guardian submits either a written statement from a
22 physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons; or a
23 written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian ~~is presented~~.

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

4 F. In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at the location
5 of an educational institution or facility enumerated in Subsection A of this Section,
6 the administrators of that institution or facility are empowered, upon the
7 recommendation of the office of public health, to exclude from attendance
8 ~~unimmunized students and clients~~ any student or client for whom it has no record of
9 or insufficient record of immunization until the appropriate disease incubation period
10 has expired or the ~~unimmunized~~ person presents evidence of immunization.

11 G. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall not apply to any
12 person whose course registration is limited to correspondence courses, online
13 courses, or any other courses at a postsecondary education institution that do not
14 require meeting physically on campus for any reason or at any time. If such person
15 subsequently registers for courses that meet physically on campus, such person shall
16 be required to provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization as a condition
17 of registration for such courses, at such institution, prepared to Subsection A of the
18 Section.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____