

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 908

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Prohibits discrimination against students on the basis of vaccination status

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170(E), relative to discrimination based on vaccination status;  
3 to prohibit teachers and school employees and administrators from discriminating  
4 between students based on such status; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:170(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §170. Immunization of persons entering schools, kindergartens, colleges,  
8 proprietary or vocational schools, and day care centers for the first time;  
9 immunization of persons entering sixth grade; electronic transmission of  
10 immunization compliance reports

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12 E.(1) No person seeking to enter any school or facility enumerated in  
13 Subsection A of this Section shall be required to comply with the provisions of this  
14 Section if the student or his parent or guardian submits either a written statement  
15 from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons,  
16 or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian is presented.

17 (2) No teacher or school employee or administrator shall distinguish between  
18 students based on whether a student has or has not received vaccines from the  
19 schedule provided for in this Section. Actions prohibited by this Paragraph include

1        but are not limited to discrimination based on a student's vaccination status in any  
2        of the following acts:

3                (a) Determination of eligibility for athletics or other extracurricular activity.

4                (b) Allowing or denying participation inside and outside of the classroom.

5                (c) Issuance of surveys to students relative to vaccination status.

6                (d) Organizing seating arrangements.

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DIGEST

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HB 908 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits discrimination against students on the basis of vaccination status

Present law provides with respect to immunization of persons entering schools, kindergartens, colleges, proprietary or vocational schools, and day care centers for the first time. Requires each person entering such an institution to present satisfactory evidence of immunity to or immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases according to a schedule approved by the office of public health, Dept. of Health, or to present evidence of an immunization program in progress.

Present law provides that the schedule shall include measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, hemophilus influenzae Type B invasive infections, and meningococcal disease.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits a teacher or school employee or administrator from distinguishing between students based on whether a student has or has not received a vaccine from the schedule provided for in present law.

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