

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 47

2024 Regular Session

Edmonston

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.

DIGEST

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 further:

- (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 exemption provision.

Proposed law provides that a governmental entity or business cannot implement, order, or impose a mandate requiring a person to wear a face covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19, with certain exceptions.

(Amends R.S. 17:170(E), adds R.S. 40:1125.42)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Add requirement that the written dissent authorized by present law include written verification that the child has been examined by a physician.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

- 1. Removes language requiring written verification include that a child has been examined by a physician.
- 2. Exempts students who are distant learners.
- 3. Inserts a provision that provides relative to COVID-19 mandates, masks, and vaccinations.