

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 47

2024 Regular Session

Edmonston

May 30, 2024

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 47 by Representative Edmonston, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Amendment Nos. 3 and 4 in the set of amendments by the Senate Committee on Education (#3312) be adopted.
2. That Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 5, and 6 in the set of amendments by the Senate Committee on Education (#3312) be rejected.
3. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Jackson-Andrews (#3987) be adopted.
4. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by the Legislative Bureau (#3350) be rejected.
5. That the following amendment to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 17, after "if" and before "the" insert "the person is a distance learner or if"

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Kathy Edmonston

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Senator Rick Edmonds

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Representative Laurie Schlegel

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Senator Katrina R. Jackson-Andrews

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Representative Lauren Ventrella

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Senator Blake Miguez

## DIGEST

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

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

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Remove proposed law requirement that written dissent include written verification that the child has been examined by a physician.
2. Exempt distance learners from present law and proposed law relative to vaccine requirements for persons attending or seeking to enter a school.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Make technical correction.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

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.

Present law 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) Applies exemption to distance learners.
- (3) 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.

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