

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 133

BY SENATOR MORRELL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Provides relative to immunizations required prior to enrolling in school. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170(E), relative to immunization of persons entering school
3 for the first time; to provide for parental notification if there are students enrolled in
4 a prekindergarten program or licensed day care center who opted not to provide
5 evidence of required immunizations; to provide for confidentiality; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

13 A. * * *

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

1 or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian is presented.

2 **(2) The chief administrator of a prekindergarten program or licensed**
 3 **day care center shall notify the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in**
 4 **the program or center if fewer than one hundred percent of the children**
 5 **enrolled provide satisfactory evidence of immunity to or immunization against**
 6 **vaccine-preventable diseases as provided in Subsection A of this Section. The**
 7 **notice shall not include any personally identifiable student information.**

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9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 13 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

DIGEST

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Present law requires a person entering elementary and secondary schools, kindergartens, colleges, proprietary, vocational schools, and licensed day care centers for the first time to provide satisfactory evidence of immunity to or immunizations against vaccine-preventable diseases according to a schedule approved by the office of public health, La. Dept. of Health, or to present evidence of an immunization program in progress.

Present law exempts a person from the immunization requirements if the student or his parent or guardian submits a written statement from a physician stating the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons, or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires the chief administrator of a prekindergarten program or licensed day care center to notify the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in the program or center if fewer than one hundred percent of the children enrolled provide satisfactory evidence of immunity to or immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases as provided in present law. Further provides that the notice shall not include any personally identifiable student information.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

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