

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 176

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170.4(A)(1) and (C)(2), and to enact R.S. 17:170.4(E),
3 relative to immunizations; to require certain students to be immunized against
4 meningococcal disease; to provide for exceptions; to provide relative to rules and
5 regulations; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:170.4(A)(1) and (C)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted and
8 R.S. 17:170.4(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §170.4. Immunizations of certain persons against meningococcal disease;
10 exceptions

11 A.(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, ~~beginning with~~
12 ~~the 2009-2010 school year and continuing thereafter~~, a student shall provide
13 satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease in
14 accordance with a directive provided by the state Department of Education and the
15 Louisiana Department of Health that shall be based on the recommendations of the
16 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a condition of entry into the sixth
17 grade and as a condition of entry into the eleventh grade at any city, parish, or other
18 local public school or nonpublic school.

19 (b) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, ~~beginning with the~~
20 ~~2009-2010 school year and continuing thereafter~~, a student who is eleven years old
21 and is entering a grade other than the sixth grade and a student who is sixteen years
22 old and is entering a grade other than the eleventh grade shall provide satisfactory

1 evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease in accordance with
 2 a directive provided by the state Department of Education and the Louisiana
 3 Department of Health that shall be based on the recommendations of the Centers for
 4 Disease Control and Prevention as a condition of entry into such grade at any city,
 5 parish, or other local public school or nonpublic school.

6 (c) Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, ~~beginning with the~~
 7 ~~2009-2010 school year and continuing thereafter,~~ a each student who is eleven years
 8 old and each student who is sixteen years old and is participating in an approved
 9 home study program pursuant to R.S. 17:236.1 shall provide satisfactory evidence
 10 of current immunization against meningococcal disease in accordance with a
 11 directive provided by the state Department of Education and the Louisiana
 12 Department of Health that shall be based on the recommendations of the Centers for
 13 Disease Control and Prevention to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
 14 Education as provided by rule adopted by the board in accordance with the
 15 Administrative Procedure Act.

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17 C.

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19 (2) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health shall provide such
 20 rules, including the implementation schedule, to the state Department of Education
 21 ~~by not later than August 1, 2009.~~ The state Department of Education shall notify
 22 each city, parish, and other local school board, the governing authority of each
 23 nonpublic school system or school in the case of a school not a part of a school
 24 system, and the parent or legal guardian of any student participating in an approved
 25 home study program as specified in Subparagraph (A)(1)(c) of this Section of the
 26 requirements of this Section and the rules and schedule for their implementation as
 27 provided by this Section.

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29 E. Any written communication issued to students pursuant to this Section
 30 shall include notice that the student's parent, tutor, or legal guardian may be exempt

1 from compliance with this Section under the conditions set forth in Subsection (B)
2 of this Section.

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2019.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____