
DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 498

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Edmonston

Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

DISCRIMINATION: Prohibits discrimination by government agencies and officials on the basis of vaccination or immunity status

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Limited the prohibition against discrimination to apply only to access to state facilities based on a person's COVID-19 vaccination status.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Limit proposed law prohibition against discrimination to apply only to discrimination based on a person's COVID-19 vaccination status while an Emergency Use Authorization is effective for such vaccines.
2. Provide that medical services, to which the prohibition against discrimination does not apply, be provided in a licensed healthcare facility.
3. Limit proposed law prohibition against COVID-19 immunization requirements for students to apply only while an Emergency Use Authorization is effective for such vaccines.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law prohibits a state or local government official or agency from distinguishing between individuals based on whether a person has or has not received a vaccine targeting COVID-19 or SARS-COV2 while an Emergency Use Authorization is effective for such vaccines. Provides examples of discrimination that is prohibited.

Proposed law provides exceptions applicable to providing medical services in a licensed healthcare facility.

Proposed law provides an exception for present law immunization requirements for students, except

for vaccines targeting COVID-19 or SARS-COV2 while an Emergency Use Authorization is effective for such vaccines.

Proposed law authorizes any person to commence a suit for the issuance of a writ of mandamus or injunctive or declaratory relief to require compliance with the provisions of proposed law, together with reasonable attorney fees and costs.

(Adds R.S. 49:186)