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HOUSE BILL NO. 359

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

EDUCATION: Requires certain school boards to provide information to certain students relative to human papillomavirus (HPV) and immunization against it

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:170.3, relative to immunizations; to require certain school boards to
3 provide information relative to human papillomavirus to certain students; to provide
4 for rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:170.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §170.3. Immunization information; human papillomavirus

8 A. Each city, parish, and other local public school board that provides
9 information relative to immunizations and educates female students at the sixth grade
10 level shall provide to the parent or legal guardian of each such student information
11 relative to the risks associated with human papillomavirus and the availability,
12 effectiveness, and known contraindications of immunization against human
13 papillomavirus. The information shall describe the link between human
14 papillomavirus and cervical cancer, the means by which human papillomavirus is
15 spread, and where a person may be immunized against human papillomavirus. The
16 information shall be updated annually if new information on human papillomavirus
17 becomes available.

18 B.(1) The Department of Health and Hospitals shall develop and provide
19 such information to the state Department of Education. The state Department of
20 Education shall provide the information to each city, parish, and other local public

1 school board that provides information relative to immunizations and educates
2 female students at the sixth grade level, which shall provide such information to each
3 such student's parent or legal guardian pursuant to Subsection A of this Section.

4 (2) The Department of Health and Hospitals, the state Department of
5 Education, and each such city, parish, and other local public school board shall
6 determine respectively the most cost-effective and efficient means of distributing
7 such information.

8 C. The Department of Health and Hospitals, in consultation with the state
9 Department of Education, shall establish rules and regulations adopted in accordance
10 with the Administrative Procedure Act all guidelines and procedures for carrying out
11 the provisions of this Section.

12 D. (1) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require any city, parish,
13 or other local public school board, the state Department of Education, or the
14 Department of Health and Hospitals to provide or pay for immunizations against
15 human papillomavirus.

16 (2) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require any person to be
17 immunized against human papillomavirus.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires certain school boards to provide information about human papillomavirus and immunization against it to female students in the sixth grade.

Proposed law requires city, parish, and other local public school boards that provide information about immunizations and educates female students in the sixth grade to provide

to the parent or legal guardian of such students information about the risks associated with human papillomavirus (HPV) and the availability, effectiveness, and known contraindications of immunization against it. Requires such information to describe the link between HPV and cervical cancer, how HPV is spread, and where a person may be immunized against it and information to be updated annually if new HPV information is available. Requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH), in consultation with the state Dept. of Education, to establish rules and regulations for carrying out the provision of this information in accordance with the APA. Provides that nothing in proposed law shall be construed to require any city, parish, or other local public school board, the state Dept. of Education, or DHH to provide or pay for HPV immunizations or to require any person to be immunized against HPV.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:170.3)