
DIGEST

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HB No. 359

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)