
DIGEST

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HB No. 359

Abstract: Requires certain school boards to provide information about human papillomavirus (HPV) and immunization against it to the parent or legal guardian of a student in grades six-12.

Proposed law requires city, parish, and other local public school boards that provide information about immunizations to provide to the parent or legal guardian of a student in grades six-12 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 that such information include a form on which a student's parent or legal guardian may grant written permission for the student to receive such information directly. Requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH), in consultation with the state Dept. of Education, to establish rules and regulations for carrying out proposed law 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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Requires public school boards to provide HPV information to parents or legal guardians of all students in grades six through 12 instead of female students in grade six.
2. Requires such HPV information to include a form on which a student's parent or legal guardian may grant written permission for the student to receive such information directly.