

New law requires 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. 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 new law. Provides that nothing in new law shall be construed to require any 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 lapse of time for governor's action (June 16, 2008).

(Adds R.S. 17:170.3)