SCHOOLS: Requires that any communication issued to students or parents relative to immunization requirements include information on exemptions from compliance with such requirements.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170(E), relative to immunizations; to require that any communication issued to students relative to immunization requirements include information relative to exemption from such requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:170(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§170. Immunization of persons entering schools, kindergartens, colleges, proprietary or vocational schools, and day care centers for the first time;
immunization of persons entering sixth grade; electronic transmission of
immunization compliance reports

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E.(1) No person seeking to enter any school or facility enumerated in Subsection A of this Section shall be required to comply with the provisions of this Section if the student or his parent or guardian submits either a written statement from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons, or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian is presented.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.
(2) Any communication issued to students or parents relative to the requirements of this Section shall include the text of the exemption provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and the legal citation of such provision.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that any communication issued to students or parents about immunization requirements include that students are exempt if parents provide either written dissent or a doctor's note relative to medical contraindication.

Present law requires each person entering any school for the first time to present satisfactory evidence of immunity to or immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases according to a schedule approved by the office of public health or to present evidence of an immunization program in progress. Exempts students from this requirement if parents provide either written dissent or a doctor's note stating the immunizations are medically contraindicated. Proposed law adds that any communication issued to students or parents relative to immunization requirements include the text and legal citation of present law relative to such exemption.

(Amends R.S. 17:170(E))