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HB 427 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Prohibits the administration of vaccines to minors on school property and at school-sponsored events unless a registered nurse or licensed medical physician is present and parental consent has been granted and authenticated.

<u>Present law</u> requires each person entering any school (both public and nonpublic, from daycare through college) 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 upon written dissent or upon a doctor's note relative to medical contraindication.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the administration of vaccines to minors on school property and at school-sponsored events unless a registered nurse or licensed medical physician is present and parental permission is obtained through a dual authentication process including both a parental signature and oral confirmation by a parent either in person or over the telephone. Provides that such permission may be granted either by the parent or legal guardian, as applicable. Further prohibits any state or local government agency, school board or other school governing authority, or any official, employee, or agent thereof from requiring any school to participate in or sponsor any event related to the administration of vaccines.

(Adds R.S. 17:170(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Allow vaccine administration if parental consent has been obtained and verified multiple ways and there is a healthcare professional present.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Change <u>proposed law</u> regarding persons required to be present <u>from</u> "healthcare professional" to "registered nurse or licensed medical physician".
- 2. Add a prohibition against requiring a school to participate in the administration of vaccines.