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Abstract: Prohibits requiring a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of enrollment or attendance at a public or nonpublic school (applicable to licensed day care centers, K-12 schools, and colleges and universities).

<u>Present law</u> requires each person entering any school (licensed day care centers, elementary and secondary schools, and colleges/universities) 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 (OPH) or to present evidence of an immunization program in progress. Provides that the schedule may provide specific requirements based on age, grade in school, or type of school. Authorizes a school, with OPH approval, to require immunizations or proof of immunity more extensive than required by the OPH schedule.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides, notwithstanding <u>present law</u>, that no person shall be required to receive a COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of initial enrollment or continuing attendance at such a school (public or nonpublic).

(Adds R.S. 17:170(A)(4))