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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; modifying requirements for exemption from immunizations for

1.3 conscientiously held beliefs; requiring the commissioner of health to develop an

1.4 immunizations education module; appropriating money; amending Minnesota

1.5 Statutes 2024, section 121A.15, subdivisions 3, 9, by adding subdivisions.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.15, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. **Exemptions from immunizations.** (a) If a person is at least seven years old

1.9 and has not been immunized against pertussis, the person must not be required to be

1.10 immunized against pertussis.

1.11 (b) If a person is at least 18 years old and has not completed a series of immunizations

1.12 against poliomyelitis, the person must not be required to be immunized against poliomyelitis.

1.13 (c) If a statement, signed by a physician, is submitted to the administrator or other person

1.14 having general control and supervision of the school or child care facility stating that an

1.15 immunization is contraindicated for medical reasons or that laboratory confirmation of the

1.16 presence of adequate immunity exists, the immunization specified in the statement need

1.17 not be required.

1.18 (d) If a ~~notarized~~ statement, signed by the minor child's parent or guardian or by the

1.19 emancipated person and signed by the provider of the child or emancipated person verifying

1.20 compliance with the requirements in subdivision 3c, is submitted to the administrator or

1.21 other person having general control and supervision of the school or child care facility

1.22 stating that the person has not been immunized as prescribed in subdivision 1 because of

1.23 the conscientiously held beliefs of the parent or guardian of the minor child or of the

2.1 emancipated person, the immunizations specified in the statement shall not be required.

2.2 The signature of the minor child's parent or guardian or of the emancipated person on this  
 2.3 statement must be notarized. This statement must also be forwarded to the commissioner  
 2.4 of the Department of Health. This paragraph does not apply:

2.5 (1) to a child enrolling or enrolled in a child care center or family child care program  
 2.6 that adopts a policy under subdivision 3b; or

2.7 (2) in the circumstances specified in subdivision 3e, paragraphs (a) and (b).

2.8 (e) If the person is under 15 months, the person is not required to be immunized against  
 2.9 measles, rubella, or mumps.

2.10 (f) If a person is at least five years old and has not been immunized against haemophilus  
 2.11 influenzae type b, the person is not required to be immunized against haemophilus influenzae  
 2.12 type b.

2.13 (g) If a person who is not a Minnesota resident enrolls in a Minnesota school online  
 2.14 learning course or program that delivers instruction to the person only by computer and  
 2.15 does not provide any teacher or instructor contact time or require classroom attendance, the  
 2.16 person is not subject to the immunization, statement, and other requirements of this section.

2.17 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
 2.18 read:

2.19 Subd. 3c. **Educational consultation with provider.** (a) A parent or guardian of a minor  
 2.20 child, or an emancipated person, seeking an exemption from an immunization under  
 2.21 subdivision 3, paragraph (d), must complete an educational consultation with the child's or  
 2.22 emancipated person's provider. In the educational consultation, the provider must:

2.23 (1) review with the minor child's parent or guardian or with the emancipated person  
 2.24 information about the risks and benefits of immunizations that is consistent with information  
 2.25 on immunizations provided by the commissioner of health or by an organization  
 2.26 recommended by the commissioner of health; and

2.27 (2) verify that the minor child's parent or guardian or the emancipated person reviewed  
 2.28 the immunizations education module made available by the commissioner of health according  
 2.29 to subdivision 3d.

2.30 (b) Upon completion of the educational consultation under paragraph (a), the provider  
 2.31 must sign the statement of exemption under subdivision 3, paragraph (d), if so requested  
 2.32 by the minor child's parent or guardian or by the emancipated person.

3.1 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
3.2 read:

3.3 Subd. 3d. **Immunizations education module.** The commissioner of health must develop  
3.4 and make available an immunizations education module on the risks and benefits of  
3.5 immunizations. The commissioner must determine the content, delivery format, and length  
3.6 of the education module.

3.7 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
3.8 read:

3.9 Subd. 3e. **Disease outbreak.** (a) In the event of an outbreak in this state of a disease for  
3.10 which immunization is required under this section or Minnesota Rules, chapter 4604, the  
3.11 commissioner of health may issue a written determination that:

3.12 (1) an outbreak of such a disease is taking place in this state;

3.13 (2) the disease is likely to be transmitted to children and adults in schools, child care  
3.14 facilities, or both; and

3.15 (3) the disease has the potential to cause death or serious injury to children or adults  
3.16 exposed in schools or child care facilities or to others who may become infected through  
3.17 contact with these children or adults.

3.18 (b) Upon issuance of the determination in paragraph (a), an elementary or secondary  
3.19 school or child care facility may exclude a minor child or emancipated person who submitted  
3.20 a statement of exemption under subdivision 3, paragraph (d), for the disease specified in  
3.21 the commissioner's determination. For a minor child or emancipated person subject to  
3.22 exclusion under this paragraph to attend or return to an elementary or secondary school or  
3.23 child care facility, the minor child's parent or guardian or the emancipated person must  
3.24 submit to the administrator or person having general control and supervision of the school  
3.25 or child care facility:

3.26 (1) documentation that the minor child or emancipated person has been immunized  
3.27 against the disease specified in the commissioner's determination consistent with medically  
3.28 acceptable standards; or

3.29 (2) a statement of exemption under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), (c), (e), or (f), for the  
3.30 disease specified in the commissioner's determination.

3.31 (c) The commissioner must issue a written determination when the commissioner finds  
3.32 that the disease outbreak for which a determination was issued under paragraph (a) no longer

4.1 meets one or more of the conditions listed in paragraph (a). A determination issued under  
 4.2 this paragraph terminates an elementary or secondary school's or child care facility's exclusion  
 4.3 authority under paragraph (b).

4.4 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.15, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

4.5 Subd. 9. **Definitions.** ~~As used in~~ For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
 4.6 the meanings given ~~them~~.

4.7 (a) "Elementary or secondary school" includes any public school as defined in section  
 4.8 120A.05, subdivisions 9, 11, 13, and 17, or nonpublic school, church, or religious  
 4.9 organization, or home school in which a child is provided instruction in compliance with  
 4.10 sections 120A.22 and 120A.24.

4.11 (b) "Person enrolled in any elementary or secondary school" means a person born after  
 4.12 1956 and enrolled in ~~grades~~ kindergarten through grade 12, and a child with a disability  
 4.13 receiving special instruction and services as required in sections 125A.03 to 125A.24 and  
 4.14 125A.65, excluding a child being provided services at the home or bedside of the child or  
 4.15 in other states.

4.16 (c) "Child care facility" includes those child care programs subject to licensure under  
 4.17 chapter 142B, and Minnesota Rules, chapters 9502 and 9503.

4.18 (d) "Family child care" means child care for no more than ten children at one time of  
 4.19 which no more than six are under school age. The licensed capacity must include all children  
 4.20 of any caregiver when the children are present in the residence.

4.21 (e) "Group family child care" means child care for no more than 14 children at any one  
 4.22 time. The total number of children includes all children of any caregiver when the children  
 4.23 are present in the residence.

4.24 (f) "Medically acceptable standards" means immunization recommendations of the  
 4.25 American Academy of Pediatrics.

4.26 (g) "Provider" means a licensed physician, a licensed physician assistant, or an advanced  
 4.27 practice registered nurse as defined in section 148.171, subdivision 3.

4.28 Sec. 6. **APPROPRIATION.**

4.29 \$..... in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
 4.30 health to develop and make available an immunizations education module according to  
 4.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.15, subdivision 3d. This is a onetime appropriation.