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416 Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to higher education; expanding exceptions from immunizations; amending
- 1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.14, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.14, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 1.6 Subd. 3. **Exemptions from immunization.** (a) An immunization listed in subdivision
- 1.7 2 is not required if the student submits to the administrator a statement signed by a physician
- 1.8 that shows:
- 1.9 (1) that, for medical reasons, the student did not receive an immunization;
- 1.10 (2) that the student has experienced the natural disease against which the immunization
- 1.11 protects; or
- 1.12 (3) that a laboratory has confirmed the presence of adequate immunity.
- 1.13 (b) If the student submits a notarized statement that the student has not been immunized
- 1.14 as required in subdivision 2 or as required by the institution for other mandated
- 1.15 immunizations because of the student's conscientiously held beliefs, the immunizations
- 1.16 described in subdivision 2 or other immunizations mandated by the institution are not
- 1.17 required. The institution shall forward this statement to the commissioner of health.
- 1.18 (c) Students who are exempt under this section must be allowed to remain enrolled in
- 1.19 the institution and experience no disruption in the academic term.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 3a. **Notice of exemptions from immunization.** Institutions that mandate
2.4 immunizations are required to provide a conspicuous notice to students of the exemptions
2.5 from immunizations under subdivision 3.