

Amendment No. 1 (for drafter's use only)

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The Committee on Health Regulation offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

remove: Everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 381.0421, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

381.0421 Vaccination against meningococcal meningitis.--

(1) A postsecondary educational institution shall provide detailed information on the risks associated with meningococcal meningitis and the availability, effectiveness and known contraindications of any required or recommended vaccine to all students, or their parent or guardian if the student is a minor, who have been accepted for admission.

(2) An individual enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution who will be residing in on-campus housing shall provide documentation of vaccination against meningococcal meningitis, or an individual, if the individual is 18 years of age or older, or an individual's parent or

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1 guardian, if the individual is a minor, may sign a waiver
2 provided by the institution stating that they have received
3 and reviewed the information provided and has chosen not to be
4 vaccinated against meningococcal meningitis.

5 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
6 require any postsecondary educational institution to provide
7 or pay for vaccinations against meningococcal meningitis.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

11 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

12 And the title is amended as follows:

13 remove: Everything before the enacting clause

15 and insert:

16 A bill to be entitled

17 An act relating to immunizations; creating s.
18 381.0421, F;S.; requiring individuals enrolled
19 in a postsecondary educational institution be
20 provided information regarding meningococcal
21 meningitis vaccine; and if residing in
22 on-campus housing provide documentation of
23 vaccination against meningococcal meningitis or
24 sign a waiver stating they have received and
25 reviewed information about the vaccination but
26 have not been vaccinated; providing an
27 effective date.

29 WHEREAS, meningococcal meningitis is a serious disease
30 that can lead to death within only a few hours of onset, and

31 WHEREAS, meningococcal meningitis is a highly

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1 contagious but largely preventable infection of the spinal
2 cord fluid and the fluid that surrounds the brain, and

3 WHEREAS, one in 10 cases of meningococcal meningitis is
4 fatal, and

5 WHEREAS, one in seven survivors is left with a severe
6 handicap, such as loss of a limb, mental retardation,
7 paralysis, deafness, or seizures, and

8 WHEREAS, individuals of any age can carry the disease
9 for days, weeks, or months unknowingly or without becoming
10 ill, and

11 WHEREAS, at any time, from 10 to 25 percent of the
12 population carries meningococcal meningitis, and

13 WHEREAS, scientific evidence suggests that college
14 students living in dormitory facilities are six times more
15 likely than other individuals to contract meningococcal
16 meningitis, and

17 WHEREAS, immunization against meningococcal meningitis
18 will decrease the risk of disease, and

19 WHEREAS, the Legislature recommends that college
20 freshmen residing in on-campus housing should be vaccinated
21 against meningococcal meningitis, NOW, THEREFORE,
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