

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to immunizations; amending s. 400.426,  
 3           F.S.; requiring assisted living facilities to implement a  
 4           program to offer immunizations to residents against  
 5           influenza viruses; amending s. 1003.22, F.S.; requiring  
 6           each district school board and the governing authority of  
 7           each private school to provide information concerning  
 8           meningococcal disease and its vaccine to parents;  
 9           requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules  
 10          specifying the age or grade level of students for whom  
 11          such information will be provided; requiring each district  
 12          school board and the governing authority of each private  
 13          school to determine the means and method for the provision  
 14          of information regarding meningococcal disease to parents;  
 15          providing an effective date.

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 17   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 19           Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section 400.426,  
 20   Florida Statutes, to read:

21           400.426   Appropriateness of placements; examinations of  
 22   residents.--

23           (13)   Between October 1, or earlier if the vaccination is  
 24   available, and February 1 of each year, subject to the  
 25   availability of an adequate supply of the necessary vaccine,  
 26   each assisted living facility licensed pursuant to this part  
 27   shall implement a program to offer immunizations against  
 28   influenza viruses to all residents who are age 65 or older, in

29 accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on  
 30 Immunization Practices of the United States Centers for Disease  
 31 Control and Prevention and subject to the clinical judgment of  
 32 the responsible practitioner.

33 Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 1003.22, Florida  
 34 Statutes, is amended to read:

35 1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization  
 36 against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of Department  
 37 of Health.--

38 (10) Each district school board and the governing  
 39 authority of each private school shall:

40 (a) Refuse admittance to any child otherwise entitled to  
 41 admittance to kindergarten, or any other initial entrance into a  
 42 Florida public or private school, who is not in compliance with  
 43 the provisions of subsection (4).

44 (b) Temporarily exclude from attendance any student who is  
 45 not in compliance with the provisions of subsection (4).

46 (c) Provide detailed information concerning the causes,  
 47 symptoms, and transmission of meningococcal disease; the risks  
 48 associated with meningococcal disease; and the availability,  
 49 effectiveness, and known contraindications of any required or  
 50 recommended vaccine against meningococcal disease to every  
 51 student's parent, in accordance with the recommended ages of  
 52 students determined by the Department of Health to be  
 53 appropriate for the administration of such vaccine. The  
 54 Department of Health shall adopt rules that specify the age or  
 55 grade level of students for whom such information shall be  
 56 provided, consistent with the recommendations of the Advisory

57 Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Centers  
58 for Disease Control and Prevention concerning the appropriate  
59 age for the administration of the vaccine, and shall make  
60 available information concerning the causes, symptoms, and  
61 transmission of meningococcal disease; the risks associated with  
62 meningococcal disease; and the availability, effectiveness, and  
63 known contraindications of any required or recommended vaccine  
64 to school districts and the governing authorities of each  
65 private school. Each district school board and the governing  
66 authority of each private school shall determine the means and  
67 methods for the provision of such information to students'  
68 parents.

69 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.