By the Committee on Education; and Senator Haridopolos

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to immunizations; amending s.
3	381.005, F.S.; requiring certain assisted
4	living facilities to offer immunizations
5	against influenza viruses to residents age 65
6	or older; requiring the Department of Health or
7	its designee to notify assisted living
8	facilities by a specified date of the
9	facilities' responsibilities; amending s.
10	1003.22, F.S.; requiring each district school
11	board and the governing authority of each
12	private school to provide information
13	concerning meningococcal disease and its
14	vaccine to parents; requiring the Department of
15	Health to adopt rules specifying the age or
16	grade level of students for whom such
17	information will be provided; requiring each
18	district school board and the governing
19	authority of each private school to determine
20	the means and method for the provision of
21	information regarding meningococcal disease to
22	parents; providing an effective date.
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24	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26	Section 1. Present subsection (3) of section 381.005,
27	Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (4), and a new
28	subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:
29	381.005 Primary and preventive health services
30	(3) Between October 1 of each year, or earlier if the
31	vaccination is available, and February 1 of the following

1	year, subject to the availability of an adequate supply of the
2	necessary vaccine, each assisted living facility licensed
3	under chapter 400 which has 11 or more licensed beds shall
4	implement a program to offer immunizations against influenza
5	viruses to all residents who are age 65 or older, in
6	accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee
7	on Immunization Practices of the United States Centers for
8	Disease Control and Prevention and subject to the clinical
9	judgment of the responsible practitioner. By September 1 of
10	each year, the department or its designee shall send to each
11	assisted living facility covered by this section a reminder
12	notice of the responsibilities of each assisted living
13	facility under this section.
14	Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 1003.22, Florida
15	Statutes, is amended to read:
16	1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization
17	against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of
18	Department of Health
19	(10) Each district school board and the governing
20	authority of each private school shall:
21	(a) Refuse admittance to any child otherwise entitled
22	to admittance to kindergarten, or any other initial entrance
23	into a Florida public or private school, who is not in
24	compliance with the provisions of subsection (4).
25	(b) Temporarily exclude from attendance any student
26	who is not in compliance with the provisions of subsection
27	(4).
28	(c) Provide detailed information concerning the
29	causes, symptoms, and transmission of meningococcal disease;
30	the risks associated with meningococcal disease; and the
31	availability, effectiveness, and known contraindications of

1	any required or recommended vaccine against meningococcal
2	disease to every student's parent, in accordance with the
3	recommended ages of students determined by the Department of
4	Health to be appropriate for the administration of such
5	vaccine. The Department of Health shall adopt rules that
6	specify the age or grade level of students for whom such
7	information shall be provided, consistent with the
8	recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization
9	Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and
10	Prevention concerning the appropriate age for the
11	administration of the vaccine, and shall make available
12	information concerning the causes, symptoms, and transmission
13	of meningococcal disease; the risks associated with
14	meningococcal disease; and the availability, effectiveness,
15	and known contraindications of any required or recommended
16	vaccine to school districts and the governing authorities of
17	each private school. Each district school board and the
18	governing authority of each private school shall determine the
19	means and methods for the provision of such information to
20	students' parents.
21	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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23	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
24	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>Senate Bill 1696</u>
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26	The committee substitute makes the following changes:
27	- Amends s. 381.005, F.S., instead of s. 400.426, F.S.,
28	to require assisted living facilities (ALFs) with 11 or more licensed beds to offer flu vaccines to residents who
29	are age 65 or older. The ALFs must offer the vaccines between October of each year and February of the
30	following year.
31	-Requires the Department of Health or its designee to send ALFs information related to immunizations.