

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

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

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

23 400.426 Appropriateness of placements; examinations of
 24 residents; immunization programs.--

25 (13) Between October 1, or earlier if the vaccine is
 26 available, and February 1 of each year, subject to the
 27 availability of an adequate supply of the necessary vaccine,
 28 each assisted living facility licensed under this part that has

29 11 or more residents shall implement a program to offer
 30 immunizations against influenza viruses and pneumococcal
 31 bacteria to all residents who are 65 years of age or older, in
 32 accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on
 33 Immunization Practices of the United States Centers for Disease
 34 Control and Prevention and subject to the clinical judgment of
 35 the responsible practitioner. By September 1 of each year, the
 36 department shall send to each assisted living facility covered
 37 by this section a reminder notice relating to the facility's
 38 responsibilities under this subsection.

39 Section 2. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (10) of
 40 section 1003.22, Florida Statutes, to read:

41 1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization
 42 against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of Department
 43 of Health.--

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

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

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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 against meningococcal disease to school districts and the
65 governing authorities of each private school. Each district
66 school board and the governing authority of each private school
67 shall determine the means and methods for the provision of such
68 information to students' parents.

69 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.