

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to immunizations; amending s. 1002.23,  
3 F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to include  
4 parental information regarding school entry requirements  
5 and recommended immunization schedules in the guidelines  
6 for a parent guide; requiring departmental guidelines  
7 regarding student health and other resources; specifying  
8 that each school district develop and disseminate a parent  
9 guide that provides certain health information, including  
10 a recommended immunization schedule and information  
11 regarding meningococcal disease; amending s. 1002.42,  
12 F.S.; requiring the governing authority of each private  
13 school to provide certain health information, including a  
14 recommended immunization schedule and information  
15 regarding meningococcal disease; providing an effective  
16 date.

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

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20 Section 1. Subsections (2) and (7) of section 1002.23,  
21 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

22 1002.23 Family and School Partnership for Student  
23 Achievement Act.--

24 (2) To facilitate meaningful parent and family  
25 involvement, the Department of Education shall develop  
26 guidelines for a parent guide to successful student achievement  
27 which describes what parents need to know about their child's

28 | educational progress and how they can help their child to  
29 | succeed in school. The guidelines shall include, but need not be  
30 | limited to:

31 |       (a) Parental information regarding:

32 |           1. Requirements for their child to be promoted to the next  
33 | grade, as provided for in s. 1008.25;

34 |           2. Progress of their child toward achieving state and  
35 | district expectations for academic proficiency;

36 |           3. Assessment results, including report cards and progress  
37 | reports; ~~and~~

38 |           4. Qualifications of their child's teachers; and

39 |           5. School entry requirements, including required  
40 | immunizations and the recommended immunization schedule;

41 |       (b) Services available for parents and their children,  
42 | such as family literacy services; mentoring, tutorial, and other  
43 | academic reinforcement programs; college planning, academic  
44 | advisement, and student counseling services; and after-school  
45 | programs;

46 |       (c) Opportunities for parental participation, such as  
47 | parenting classes, adult education, school advisory councils,  
48 | and school volunteer programs;

49 |       (d) Opportunities for parents to learn about rigorous  
50 | academic programs that may be available for their child, such as  
51 | honors programs, dual enrollment, advanced placement,  
52 | International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate  
53 | of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), Advanced International

54 Certificate of Education, Florida Virtual High School courses,  
55 and accelerated access to postsecondary education;

56 (e) Educational choices, as provided for in s. 1002.20(6),  
57 and corporate income tax credit scholarships, as provided for in  
58 s. 220.187;

59 (f) Classroom and test accommodations available for  
60 students with disabilities; ~~and~~

61 (g) School board rules, policies, and procedures for  
62 student promotion and retention, academic standards, student  
63 assessment, courses of study, instructional materials, and  
64 contact information for school and district offices; and

65 (h) Resources for information on student health and other  
66 available resources for parents.

67 (7) Each school district shall develop and disseminate a  
68 parent guide to successful student achievement, consistent with  
69 the guidelines of the Department of Education, which addresses  
70 what parents need to know about their child's educational  
71 progress and how parents can help their child to succeed in  
72 school. The guide must:

73 (a) Be understandable to students and parents;

74 (b) Be distributed to all parents, students, and school  
75 personnel at the beginning of each school year;

76 (c) Be discussed at the beginning of each school year in  
77 meetings of students, parents, and teachers; ~~and~~

78 (d) Include information concerning services,  
79 opportunities, choices, academic standards, and student  
80 assessment; and

81 (e) Provide information on the importance of student  
 82 health and available immunizations and vaccinations, including,  
 83 but not limited to:

84 1. A recommended immunization schedule in accordance with  
 85 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
 86 recommendations.

87 2. Detailed information regarding the causes, symptoms,  
 88 and transmission of meningococcal disease and the availability,  
 89 effectiveness, known contraindications, and appropriate age for  
 90 the administration of any required or recommended vaccine  
 91 against meningococcal disease, in accordance with the  
 92 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
 93 Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and  
 94 Prevention.

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96 The parent guide may be included as a part of the code of  
 97 student conduct that is required in s. 1006.07(2).

98 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 1002.42, Florida  
 99 Statutes, is amended to read:

100 1002.42 Private schools.--

101 (6) IMMUNIZATIONS.--The governing authority of each  
 102 private school shall:

103 (a) Require students to present a certification of  
 104 immunization in accordance with the provisions of s. 1003.22(3)-  
 105 (11).

106        (b) Provide information on the importance of student  
107 health and available immunizations and vaccinations, including,  
108 but not limited to:

109        1. A recommended immunization schedule in accordance with  
110 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
111 recommendations.

112        2. Detailed information regarding the causes, symptoms,  
113 and transmission of meningococcal disease and the availability,  
114 effectiveness, known contraindications, and appropriate age for  
115 the administration of any required or recommended vaccine  
116 against meningococcal disease, in accordance with the  
117 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
118 Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and  
119 Prevention.

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