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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to immunizations; amending ss. 402.305,
3 402.313, and 402.3131, F.S.; adding pneumococcal conjugate
4 vaccine to the list of required vaccines for enrollment in
5 a child care facility, a family day care home, or a large
6 family child care home; requiring the Department of Health
7 to establish rules and protocols; requiring facilities and
8 homes to furnish proof of compliance to the department;
9 providing an effective date.

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11 WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the importance of
12 pneumococcal conjugate vaccine for children enrolled or
13 enrolling in child care programs, and

14 WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of
15 Immunization, acknowledges that vaccines, including pneumococcal
16 conjugate vaccine, focus on disease prevention and are the most
17 cost-effective medical intervention, and

18 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
19 through the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices,
20 recommends that children be administered age-appropriate four-
21 dose series of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, and

22 WHEREAS, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, which is licensed
23 by the United States Food and Drug Administration, is effective
24 in preventing invasive pneumococcal disease, and

25 WHEREAS, a recent study published in the Journal of the
26 American Medical Association reveals that pneumococcal conjugate
27 vaccine, when administered to children, has significantly
28 reduced the number of invasive pneumococcal disease cases and

29 | deaths in the adult population, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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33 | Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (9) of
 34 | section 402.305, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 35 | paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively, and a new paragraph (b) is
 36 | added to that subsection, to read:

37 | 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.--

38 | (9) ADMISSIONS AND RECORDKEEPING.--

39 | (b) Beginning July 1, 2007, the age-appropriate series of
 40 | pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, as recommended by the Advisory
 41 | Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease
 42 | Control and Prevention, shall be administered to a child younger
 43 | than 2 years of age who is enrolled or enrolling in a child care
 44 | facility. The department shall implement rules to add
 45 | pneumococcal conjugate vaccine to the current list of required
 46 | vaccines and establish protocols for children younger than 2
 47 | years of age to catch up on missed doses. A child care facility
 48 | must be able to furnish proof to the department of pneumococcal
 49 | conjugate vaccine compliance for all children receiving care at
 50 | the facility by December 1, 2007.

51 | Section 2. Subsection (14) is added to section 402.313,
 52 | Florida Statutes, to read:

53 | 402.313 Family day care homes.--

54 | (14) Beginning July 1, 2007, the age-appropriate series of
 55 | pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, as recommended by the Advisory
 56 | Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease

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57 Control and Prevention, shall be administered to a child younger
58 than 2 years of age who is enrolled or enrolling in a family day
59 care home. The department shall implement rules to add
60 pneumococcal conjugate vaccine to the current list of required
61 vaccines and establish protocols for children younger than 2
62 years of age to catch up on missed doses. A family day care home
63 must be able to furnish proof to the department of pneumococcal
64 conjugate vaccine compliance for all children receiving care at
65 the home by December 1, 2007.

66 Section 3. Subsection (9) is added to section 402.3131,
67 Florida Statutes, to read:

68 402.3131 Large family child care homes.--

69 (9) Beginning July 1, 2007, the age-appropriate series of
70 pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, as recommended by the Advisory
71 Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease
72 Control and Prevention, shall be administered to a child younger
73 than 2 years of age who is enrolled or enrolling in a large
74 family child care home. The department shall implement rules to
75 add pneumococcal conjugate vaccine to the current list of
76 required vaccines and establish protocols for children younger
77 than 2 years of age to catch up on missed doses. A large family
78 child care home must be able to furnish proof to the department
79 of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine compliance for all children
80 receiving care at the home by December 1, 2007.

81 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.