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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the human papillomavirus; requiring public and private middle schools in the state to provide to certain students and their parents or quardians information concerning the human papillomavirus, its vaccine, and cervical cancer; prohibiting certain students from admission into school without providing evidence of vaccination for the human papillomavirus; providing an exception; prohibiting a principal from knowingly admitting a student into school without evidence of vaccination for the human papillomavirus; providing an exception; requiring the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health, to prescribe the content of the information regarding the connection between the human papillomavirus and cervical cancer and the availability of a vaccine preventing human papillomavirus; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. (1) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, each public or private middle school in this state shall provide to each student who is 11 years of age or 12 years of age and to the parents or guardian of such student information concerning the connection between the human papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer and the availability of a vaccine preventing human papillomavirus.

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(2) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year:

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(a) A student who is 11 years of age or 12 years of age may not be admitted to any private or public school in this state until that student submits to the school acceptable evidence of vaccination for the human papillomavirus or proof that, after receiving the information required in subsection (1), the student's parent or guardian has elected that the student not receive the vaccine.

- (b) A principal or any other person in charge of a public or private school may not knowingly admit a student who is 11 years of age or 12 years of age until that student submits to the school acceptable evidence of vaccination for the human papillomavirus or proof that, after receiving the information required in subsection (1), the student's parent or guardian has elected that the student not receive the vaccine.
- (3) The Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Health, shall prescribe the content of the information required in subsection (1).
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.