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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the influenza vaccine; amending ss.
3 402.305, 402.313, and 402.3131, F.S.; requiring child care
4 facilities, family day care homes, and large family child
5 care homes to provide parents with certain information
6 regarding the causes, symptoms, and transmission of the
7 influenza virus; providing an effective date.

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9 WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the importance of
10 the influenza vaccine for children enrolled or enrolling in
11 child care programs, and

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

16 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
17 through the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices,
18 recommends that annual vaccination of all children aged 6 months
19 through 59 months continue to be a primary focus of vaccination
20 efforts because these children are at higher risk for influenza
21 complications compared with older children, and

22 WHEREAS, vaccination against influenza each fall and winter
23 remains the primary mechanism to prevent disease, NOW,
24 THEREFORE,

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

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28 Section 1. Present paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection

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29 (9) of section 402.305, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
 30 paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively, and a new paragraph (b) is
 31 added to that subsection to read:

32 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.--

33 (9) ADMISSIONS AND RECORDKEEPING.--

34 (b) During the months of August and September of each
 35 year, each child care facility shall provide parents of children
 36 enrolled in the facility detailed information regarding the
 37 causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an
 38 effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of
 39 immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by
 40 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers
 41 for Disease Control and Prevention.

42 Section 2. Subsection (14) is added to section 402.313,
 43 Florida Statutes, to read:

44 402.313 Family day care homes.--

45 (14) During the months of August and September of each
 46 year, each family day care home shall provide parents of
 47 children enrolled in the home detailed information regarding the
 48 causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an
 49 effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of
 50 immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by
 51 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers
 52 for Disease Control and Prevention.

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

55 402.3131 Large family child care homes.--

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56 (9) During the months of August and September of each
57 year, each large family child care home shall provide parents of
58 children enrolled in the home detailed information regarding the
59 causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an
60 effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of
61 immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by
62 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers
63 for Disease Control and Prevention.

64 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.