

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to childhood immunizations; amending s.
 3 1003.22, F.S.; revising the list of required childhood
 4 immunizations; creating s. 1003.221, F.S.; providing a set
 5 of recommended vaccination requirements that address the
 6 manner and frequency of administration of immunizations
 7 for children who are entitled to admittance into
 8 kindergarten or any other initial entrance into a public
 9 or private school in this state; providing an effective
 10 date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 1003.22, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization
 17 against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of Department
 18 of Health.--

19 (3) The Department of Health may adopt rules necessary to
 20 administer and enforce this section. The Department of Health,
 21 after consultation with the Department of Education, shall adopt
 22 rules governing the immunization of children against, the
 23 testing for, and the control of preventable communicable
 24 diseases. The rules must include procedures for exempting a
 25 child from immunization requirements. Immunizations shall be
 26 required for poliomyelitis, diphtheria, measles ~~rubella~~,
 27 rubella, ~~pertussis, mumps,~~ tetanus, and other communicable
 28 diseases as determined by s. 1003.221 and rules of the

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29 Department of Health. The manner and frequency of administration
 30 of the immunization or testing shall be done according to s.
 31 1003.221 ~~conform to recognized standards of medical practice.~~
 32 The Department of Health shall supervise and secure the
 33 enforcement of the required immunization. Immunizations required
 34 by this section shall be available at no cost from the county
 35 health departments.

36 Section 2. Section 1003.221, Florida Statutes, is created
 37 to read:

38 1003.221 Immunization requirements.--

39 (1) The following table presents a set of recommended
 40 vaccination requirements that address the manner and frequency
 41 of administration of the immunizations for every child who is
 42 entitled to admittance into kindergarten or any other initial
 43 entrance into a public or private school in this state.

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Dose number</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
<u>Diphtheria-</u> <u>Tetanus-Pertussis or</u> <u>no-Thimerosal</u> <u>Diphtheria-Tetanus</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6-36 months</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>9-39 months</u>

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52		<u>3</u>	<u>12-42 months</u>
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54		<u>4</u>	<u>18-45 months</u>
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56		<u>5</u>	<u>5-7 years</u>
57	<u>Tetanus-</u>		<u>11-12 years</u>
58	<u>Diphtheria</u>		
59	<u>Measles-Mumps-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>24-48 months</u>
60	<u>Rubella or Measles-</u>		
61	<u>Rubella or Measles</u>		
62	<u>only</u>		
63	<u>Rubella</u>	<u>2, 1</u>	<u>8-9 years</u>
64	<u>(females only)</u>		
65	<u>Mumps (males</u>	<u>2, 1</u>	<u>9-10 years</u>
66	<u>only)</u>		
67	<u>Measles</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10-11 years</u>

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68	<u>Polio</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7-36 months</u>
69		<u>2</u>	<u>10-39 months</u>
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71		<u>3</u>	<u>13-45 months</u>
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73		<u>4</u>	<u>6-10 years</u>
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 76 (2) For a child who contracts pertussis at any point
 77 during this schedule, a parent or guardian may continue with the
 78 diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTaP) vaccine or switch to the no-
 79 thimerosal diphtheria-tetanus (DT) vaccine. If, after any DTaP
 80 shot, the child develops a high fever or displays any
 81 neurological signs such as seizures or staring spells, strong
 82 consideration should be given to discontinuing all further DTaP
 83 vaccines and tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccines and
 84 switching to DT and tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccines.

85 (3) In vaccinating his or her child, a parent or guardian,
 86 in consultation with his or her pediatrician, may choose between
 87 a measles-mumps-rubella combination vaccine, a measles-rubella
 88 combination vaccine, or a measles-only vaccine. Because rubella
 89 is dangerous to a fetus during pregnancy, only a female who does
 90 not contract rubella between 3 years of age and 8 years of age
 91 should be given a vaccine for rubella if she has not had rubella
 92 by 8 years of age. Similarly, the mumps vaccination need be

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93 given only to males who have not had mumps by 10 years of age. A
94 booster for measles vaccine is required only if a blood titer
95 test shows a lack of measles antibodies.

96 (4) The polio vaccine should not be given with any other
97 vaccine.

98 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.