

By the Committee on Health Regulation; and Senator Constantine

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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
4 care facilities, family day care homes, and large
5 family child care homes to provide parents with
6 certain information regarding the causes, symptoms,
7 and transmission of the influenza virus; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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

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

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

25 THEREFORE,

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

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29 Section 1. Present paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (9)

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

33 402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

34 (9) ADMISSIONS AND RECORDKEEPING.—

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

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

45 402.313 Family day care homes.—

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

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

56 402.3131 Large family child care homes.—

57 (9) During the months of August and September of each year,
58 each large family child care home shall provide parents of

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59 children enrolled in the home detailed information regarding the
60 causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an
61 effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of
62 immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by
63 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers
64 for Disease Control and Prevention.

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