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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to childhood immunizations; amending  
 3       s. 1003.22, F.S.; revising the list of required  
 4       childhood immunizations; creating s. 1003.221;  
 5       providing a set of recommended vaccination  
 6       requirements that address the manner and frequency of  
 7       administration of immunizations for children who are  
 8       entitled to admittance into kindergarten or any other  
 9       initial entrance into a public or private school in  
 10      this state; providing an effective 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 ~~rubeola~~,  
 27 rubella, ~~pertussis, mumps~~, tetanus, and other communicable  
 28 diseases as determined by s. 1003.221 and rules of the  
 29 Department of Health. The manner and frequency of administration

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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-Tetanus-</u> <u>Pertussis or no-</u> <u>Thimerosal</u> <u>Diphtheria-Tetanus</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6-36 months</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>9-39 months</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>12-42 months</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>18-45 months</u>
	<u>5</u>	<u>5-7 years</u>

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<u>Tetanus-Diphtheria</u>		<u>11-12 years</u>
<u>Measles-Mumps-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>24-48 months</u>
<u>Rubella or Measles-</u>		
<u>Rubella or Measles</u>		
<u>only</u>		
<u>Rubella (females</u>	<u>2, 1</u>	<u>8-9 years</u>
<u>only)</u>		
<u>Mumps (males only)</u>	<u>2, 1</u>	<u>9-10 years</u>
<u>Measles</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10-11 years</u>
<u>Polio</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7-36 months</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>10-39 months</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>13-45 months</u>
	<u>4</u>	<u>6-10 years</u>

(2) For a child who contracts pertussis at any point during this schedule, a parent or guardian may continue with the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTaP) vaccine or switch to the non-thimerosal diphtheria-tetanus (DT) vaccine. If, after any DTaP shot, the child develops a high fever or displays any neurological signs such as seizures or staring spells, strong

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66 consideration should be given to discontinuing all further DTaP  
67 vaccines and tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccines and  
68 switching to DT and tetanus-diphtheria (Td) vaccines.

69 (3) In vaccinating his or her child, a parent or guardian,  
70 in consultation with his or her pediatrician, may choose between  
71 a measles-mumps-rubella combination vaccine, a measles-rubella  
72 combination vaccine, or a measles-only vaccine. Because rubella  
73 is dangerous to a fetus during pregnancy, only a female who does  
74 not contract rubella between 3 years of age and 8 years of age  
75 should be given a vaccine for rubella if she has not had rubella  
76 by 8 years of age. Similarly, the mumps vaccination need be  
77 given only to males who have not had mumps by 10 years of age. A  
78 booster for measles vaccine is required only if a blood titer  
79 test shows a lack of measles antibodies.

80 (4) The polio vaccine should not be given with any other  
81 vaccine.

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