By the Committee on Health Regulation; and Senator Altman

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the human papillomavirus; requiring information regarding the human papillomavirus, its effects, and available vaccines to be provided to parents or guardians of all children entering grade 6; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the parent or guardian of each student entering grade 6 shall be provided information on the availability of vaccination against human papillomavirus as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Such information shall be approved by the Department of Health for dissemination by the Department of Education. The information will, at a minimum, include the connection between the human papillomavirus and cervical cancer as well as other cancers and diseases. The information must also notify the parent or guardian that a vaccine is available to help prevent human papillomavirus infection and that the vaccine is recommended to be given before grade 7 entry.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.