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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Rules (Burton) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (150652) (with directory and**
2 **title amendments)**

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4 Between lines 272 and 273
5 insert:

6 (12) A private school is not required to honor an exemption
7 under paragraph (5) (a) if such school has adopted policies
8 requiring all students who attend the school to be immunized
9 except for students who are exempt under paragraph (5) (b),
10 paragraph (5) (c), paragraph (5) (d), or paragraph (5) (e).

11 Section 11. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section



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12 381.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 381.003 Communicable disease and AIDS prevention and
14 control.—

15 (1) The department shall conduct a communicable disease
16 prevention and control program as part of fulfilling its public
17 health mission. A communicable disease is any disease caused by
18 transmission of a specific infectious agent, or its toxic
19 products, from an infected person, an infected animal, or the
20 environment to a susceptible host, either directly or
21 indirectly. The communicable disease program must include, but
22 need not be limited to:

23 (e) Programs for the prevention and control of vaccine-
24 preventable diseases, including programs to immunize school
25 children as required by s. 1003.22(3)-(12) ~~s. 1003.22(3)-(11)~~
26 and the development of an automated, electronic, and centralized
27 database and registry of immunizations. The department shall
28 ensure that all children in this state are immunized against
29 vaccine-preventable diseases. The immunization registry must
30 allow the department to enhance current immunization activities
31 for the purpose of improving the immunization of all children in
32 this state.

33 1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., the department
34 shall include all children born in this state in the
35 immunization registry by using the birth records from the Office
36 of Vital Statistics. The department shall add other children to
37 the registry as immunization services are provided.

38 2. The parent or guardian of a child may refuse to have the
39 child included in the immunization registry by signing a form
40 obtained from the department, or from the health care



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41 practitioner or entity that provides the immunization, which
42 indicates that the parent or guardian does not wish to have the
43 child included in the immunization registry. Each consent to
44 treatment form provided by a health care practitioner or by an
45 entity that administers vaccinations or causes vaccinations to
46 be administered to children from birth through 17 years of age
47 must contain a notice stating that the parent or guardian of a
48 child may refuse to have his or her child included in the
49 immunization registry. The parent or guardian must provide such
50 opt-out form to the health care practitioner or entity upon
51 administration of the vaccination. Such health care practitioner
52 or entity shall submit the form to the department. A parent or
53 guardian may submit the opt-out form directly to the department.
54 Any records or identifying information pertaining to the child
55 shall be removed from the registry, if the parent or guardian
56 has refused to have his or her child included in the
57 immunization registry.

58 3. A college or university student, from 18 years of age to
59 23 years of age, who obtains a vaccination from a college or
60 university student health center or clinic in the state may
61 refuse to be included in the immunization registry by signing a
62 form obtained from the department, health center, or clinic
63 which indicates that the student does not wish to be included in
64 the immunization registry. The student must provide such opt-out
65 form to the health center or clinic upon administration of the
66 vaccination. Such health center or clinic shall submit the form
67 to the department. A student may submit the opt-out form
68 directly to the department. Any records or identifying
69 information pertaining to the student shall be removed from the



70 registry if the student has refused to be included in the
71 immunization registry.

72 4. The immunization registry shall allow for immunization
73 records to be electronically available to entities that are
74 required by law to have such records, including, but not limited
75 to, schools and licensed child care facilities.

76 5. A health care practitioner licensed under chapter 458,
77 chapter 459, or chapter 464 in this state who administers
78 vaccinations or causes vaccinations to be administered to
79 children from birth through 17 years of age is required to
80 report vaccination data to the immunization registry, unless a
81 parent or guardian of a child has refused to have the child
82 included in the immunization registry by meeting the
83 requirements of subparagraph 2. A health care practitioner
84 licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 464 in this
85 state who administers vaccinations or causes vaccinations to be
86 administered to college or university students from 18 years of
87 age to 23 years of age at a college or university student health
88 center or clinic is required to report vaccination data to the
89 immunization registry, unless the student has refused to be
90 included in the immunization registry by meeting the
91 requirements of subparagraph 3. Vaccination data for students in
92 other age ranges may be submitted to the immunization registry
93 only if the student consents to inclusion in the immunization
94 registry. The upload of data from existing automated systems is
95 an acceptable method for updating immunization information in
96 the immunization registry. The information in the immunization
97 registry must include the child's name, date of birth, address,
98 and any other unique identifier necessary to correctly identify



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99 the child; the immunization record, including the date, type of
100 administered vaccine, and vaccine lot number; and the presence
101 or absence of any adverse reaction or contraindication related
102 to the immunization. Information received by the department for
103 the immunization registry retains its status as confidential
104 medical information and the department must maintain the
105 confidentiality of that information as otherwise required by
106 law. A health care practitioner or other agency that obtains
107 information from the immunization registry must maintain the
108 confidentiality of any medical records in accordance with s.
109 456.057 or as otherwise required by law.

110 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
111 1002.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112 1002.42 Private schools.—

113 (6) IMMUNIZATIONS.—The governing authority of each private
114 school shall:

115 (a) Require students to present a certification of
116 immunization in accordance with the provisions of s. 1003.22(3)-
117 (12) ~~s. 1003.22(3)-(11)~~.

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119 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

120 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

121 Delete line 194

122 and insert:

123 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (12) is added to
124 that section, to read:

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126 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

127 And the title is amended as follows:



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128 Delete line 340
129 and insert:
130 communicable disease emergency; providing that private
131 schools are not required to honor a specified
132 exemption from immunization requirements under certain
133 circumstances; amending ss. 381.003 and 1002.42, F.S.;
134 conforming cross-references; providing effective