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90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 192.070, RSMo 1994, and sections 167.181 and 332.311, RSMo Supp. 1999, relating to dental care, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the same subject.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 192.070, RSMo 1994, and sections 167.181 and 332.311, RSMo Supp. 1999, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 167.181, 192.070 and 332.311, to read as follows:

167.181. 1. The department of health, after consultation with the department of elementary and secondary education, shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the immunization against poliomyelitis, rubella, rubeola, mumps, tetanus, pertussis, diphtheria, and hepatitis B, to be required of children attending public, private, parochial or parish schools. Such rules and regulations may modify the immunizations that are required of children in this subsection. The immunizations required and the manner and frequency of their administration shall conform to recognized standards of medical practice. The department of health shall supervise and secure the enforcement of the required immunization program.

2. It is unlawful for any student to attend school unless he has been immunized as required under the rules and regulations of the department of health, and can provide satisfactory evidence of such immunization; except that if he produces satisfactory evidence of having begun the process of immunization, he may continue to attend school as long as the immunization process is being accomplished in the prescribed manner. It is unlawful for any parent or guardian to refuse or neglect to have his child immunized as required by this section, unless the child is

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

properly exempted.

3. This section shall not apply to any child if one parent or guardian objects in writing to his school administrator against the immunization of the child, because of religious beliefs or medical contraindications. In cases where any such objection is for reasons of medical contraindications, a statement from a duly licensed physician must also be provided to the school administrator.

4. Each school superintendent, whether of a public, private, parochial or parish school, shall cause to be prepared a record showing the immunization status of every child enrolled in or attending a school under his jurisdiction. The name of any parent or guardian who neglects or refuses to permit a nonexempted child to be immunized against diseases as required by the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be reported by the school superintendent to the department of health.

5. The immunization required may be done by any duly licensed physician or by someone under his direction. If the parent or guardian is unable to pay, the child shall be immunized at public expense by a physician or nurse at or from the county, district, city public health center or a school nurse or by a nurse or physician in the private office or clinic of the child's personal physician with the costs of immunization paid through the state Medicaid program, private insurance or in a manner to be determined by the department of health subject to state and federal appropriations, and after consultation with the school superintendent and the advisory committee established in section 192.630, RSMo. **When a child receives his or her immunization, the treating physician may also administer the appropriate fluoride treatment to the child.**

6. Funds for the administration of this section and for the purchase of vaccines for children of families unable to afford them shall be appropriated to the department of health from general revenue or from federal funds if available.

7. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of [section 536.024] **chapter 536**, RSMo.

192.070. The bureau of child hygiene in the department of health shall issue educational literature on the care of the baby and the hygiene of the child **including, but not limited to, the importance of routine dental care for children**; study the causes of infant mortality and the application of measures for the prevention and suppression of the diseases of infancy and childhood; and inspect the sanitary and hygienic conditions in public school buildings and grounds.

332.311. **1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section**, a duly registered and currently licensed dental hygienist may only practice as a dental hygienist so long as the dental hygienist is employed by a dentist who is duly registered and currently licensed in Missouri, or as an employee of such other person or entity approved by the board in accordance with rules promulgated by the board. In accordance with this chapter and the rules promulgated by the

board pursuant thereto, a dental hygienist shall only practice under the supervision of a dentist who is duly registered and currently licensed in Missouri, **except as provided in subsection 2 of this section.**

**2. A duly registered and currently licensed dental hygienist who is practicing in a public health setting may provide fluoride treatments, teeth cleaning and sealants, if appropriate, to children who are eligible for medical assistance, pursuant to chapter 208, RSMo, without the supervision of a dentist. Medicaid shall reimburse any dental hygienist, dentist or pediatrician who provides fluoride treatments, teeth cleaning, and sealants to eligible children at no less than seventy-five percent of the usual and customary cost, as established by the division of medical services by rule. This provision shall expire on August 28, 2005.**

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