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AN ACT

To repeal section 167.181, RSMo, relating to vaccinations, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Section 167.181, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 167.181, to read as follows:

167.181. 1. The department of health and senior services, after consultation with the department of elementary and secondary education, shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the [immunization] **vaccination** 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] **vaccinations** that are required of children in this subsection. The [immunizations] **vaccinations** required and the manner and frequency of their administration shall conform to recognized standards of medical practice. The department of health and senior services shall supervise and secure the enforcement of the required [immunization] **vaccination** program.

2. It is unlawful for any student to attend school unless [he] **such student can provide evidence of immunity or** has been [immunized] **vaccinated** as required under the rules and regulations of the department of health and senior services, and can provide satisfactory evidence of such

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

[immunization] **vaccination**; except that if [he] **such student** produces satisfactory evidence of having begun the process of [immunization] **vaccination**, [he] **such student** may continue to attend school as long as the [immunization] **vaccination** process is being accomplished in the prescribed manner. It is unlawful for any parent or guardian to refuse or neglect to have his **or her** child [immunized] **vaccinated** as required by this section, unless the child is properly exempted.

3. This section shall not apply to any child if one parent or guardian objects in writing to his **or her** school administrator against the [immunization] **vaccination** 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]. **The department of health and senior services, school districts, and all other public entities shall inform the public of all exemptions available whenever vaccination schedules or requirements are publicized by said entity.**

4. Each school superintendent, whether of a public, private, parochial or parish school, shall cause to be prepared a record showing the [immunization] **vaccination** status of every child enrolled in or attending a school under his **or her** jurisdiction. The name of any parent or guardian who neglects or refuses to permit a nonexempted child to be [immunized] **vaccinated** 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 and senior services.

5. The [immunization] **vaccination** required may be done by any duly licensed physician or by someone under his **or her** direction. If the parent or guardian is unable to pay, the child shall be [immunized] **vaccinated** 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] **vaccination** paid through the state Medicaid program, private insurance or in a manner to be determined by the department of health and senior services 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] **vaccination**, the treating physician may also administer the appropriate fluoride treatment to the child's teeth.

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 and senior services 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 chapter 536, RSMo. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2001, shall be invalid and void.

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