

House Bill 213

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 45th, Hutchinson of the 106th, and Taylor of the 173rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to revise
3 provisions relating to required information to parents of students regarding meningococcal
4 meningitis and influenza and their respective vaccines; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising
10 Code Section 20-2-778, relating to required information to parents of students regarding
11 meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their respective vaccines, as follows:

12 "20-2-778.

13 (a) If a local board of education provides information on immunizations, infectious
14 diseases, medications, or other school health issues to parents and guardians of students in
15 grades six through 12, then the following information about meningococcal meningitis
16 disease ~~and influenza and their respective vaccines~~ and its vaccine shall be included:

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- 17 (1) A description of causes, symptoms, and means of transmission;
- 18 (2) A list of sources for additional information; and
- 19 (3) Related recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization
- 20 Practices of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- 21 (b) If a local board of education provides information on immunizations, infectious
- 22 diseases, medications, or other school health issues to parents and guardians of students in
- 23 kindergarten through grade 12, then the following information about influenza disease and
- 24 its vaccine shall be included:
- 25 (1) A description of causes, symptoms, and means of transmission;
- 26 (2) A list of sources for additional information; and
- 27 (3) Related recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization
- 28 Practices of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- 29 ~~(b)~~(c) The Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Public Health,
- 30 shall develop and make available the information about meningococcal meningitis disease
- 31 and influenza and their respective vaccines to local school systems as required under
- 32 ~~subsection~~ subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section in an efficient manner that shall
- 33 include posting the information on its website."

34 **SECTION 2.**

35 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.