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HOUSE BILL NO. 308

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

SCHOOLS: Requires that any communication issued to students or parents relative to immunization requirements include information on exemptions from compliance with such requirements

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170(E), relative to immunizations; to require that any |
| 3 | communication issued to students relative to immunization requirements include |
| 4 | information relative to exemption from such requirements; and to provide for related |
| 5 | matters. |
| 6 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 7 | Section 1. R.S. 17:170(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: |
| 8 | §170. Immunization of persons entering schools, kindergartens, colleges, |
| 9 | proprietary or vocational schools, and day care centers for the first time; |
| 10 | immunization of persons entering sixth grade; electronic transmission of |
| 11 | immunization compliance reports |
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| 13 | E.(1) No person seeking to enter any school or facility enumerated in |
| 14 | Subsection A of this Section shall be required to comply with the provisions of this |
| 15 | Section if the student or his parent or guardian submits either a written statement |
| 16 | from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons, |
| 17 | or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian is presented. |

1 (2) Any communication issued to students or parents relative to the
2 requirements of this Section shall include information on the exemption provided in
3 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that any communication issued to students or parents about immunization requirements include that students are exempt if parents provide either written dissent or a doctor's note relative to medical contraindication.

<u>Present law</u> requires each person entering any school for the first time to present satisfactory evidence of immunity to or immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases according to a schedule approved by the office of public health or to present evidence of an immunization program in progress. Exempts students from this requirement if parents provide either written dissent or a doctor's note stating the immunizations are medically contraindicated. <u>Proposed law</u> adds that any communication issued to students or parents relative to immunization requirements include information on such exemption.

(Amends R.S. 17:170(E))