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HOUSE BILL NO. 413

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

VACCINES/VACCINATION: Requires communication issued to students or parents about a COVID-19 vaccine requirement or certain other vaccine requirements to include information about the authorized exemption from these requirements

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:170(E), relative to student immunization requirements; to
3	require that any communication that is issued to students or parents about a COVID-
4	19 vaccine requirement or certain other vaccine requirements include information
5	about the authorized exemption from these requirements; and to provide for related
6	matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 17:170(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9	§170. Immunization of persons entering schools, kindergartens, colleges,
10	proprietary or vocational schools, and day care centers for the first time;
11	immunization of persons entering sixth grade; electronic transmission of
12	immunization compliance reports; information on exemption
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14	E.(1) No person seeking to enter any school or facility enumerated in
15	Subsection A of this Section shall be required to comply with the provisions of this
16	Section if the student or his parent or guardian submits either a written statement
17	from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons;
18	or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian is presented.

(2) Any communication issued to students or parents about a COVID-19
vaccine requirement or a requirement for any vaccine that has been approved by the
United States Food and Drug Administration for less than five years shall include
information on the exemption from these requirements as authorized by Paragraph
(1) of this Subsection, including the text and legal citation of 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 certain vaccine requirements include information about "opting out" of the requirements.

<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 a student from this requirement if he submits a written dissent or a doctor's note relative to medical contraindication.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that any communication issued to students or parents about a COVID-19 vaccine requirement or a requirement for any vaccine that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for less than five years include information about "opting out" of these requirements, including the text and legal citation of the <u>present law</u> exemption provision.

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