1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021) 3 SENATE BILL 658 By: Dahm 4 5 6 AS INTRODUCED 7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.191, which relates to required 8 immunizations; requiring the State Department of Education and school districts to provide certain 9 information to parents; updating statutory term; providing an effective date; and declaring an 10 emergency. 11 12 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 14 SECTION 1. 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.191, is AMENDATORY 15 amended to read as follows: 16 Section 1210.191. A. No minor child shall be admitted to any 17 public, private, or parochial school operating in this state unless 18 and until certification is presented to the appropriate school 19 authorities from a licensed physician, or authorized representative 20 of the State Department of Health, that such child has received or 21 is in the process of receiving, immunizations against diphtheria, 22 pertussis, tetanus, haemophilus influenzae type B (HIB), measles 23 (rubeola), rubella, poliomyelitis, varicella, and hepatitis A or is

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likely to be immune as a result of the disease.

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B. Immunizations required, and the manner and frequency of their administration, as prescribed by the State Board Commissioner of Health, shall conform to recognized standard medical practices in the state. The State Department of Health shall supervise and secure the enforcement of the required immunization program. The State Department of Education and the governing boards of the school districts of this state shall render reasonable assistance to the State Department of Health in the enforcement of the provisions hereof.

C. The State Board of Health Commissioner, by rule, may alter the list of immunizations required after notice and hearing. Any change in the list of immunizations required shall be submitted to the next regular session of the Legislature and such change shall remain in force and effect unless and until a concurrent resolution of disapproval is passed. Hearings shall be conducted by the State Board of Health Commissioner, or such officer, agents or employees as the Board of Health Commissioner may designate for that purpose. The State Board of Health Commissioner shall give appropriate notice of the proposed change in the list of immunizations required and of the time and place for hearing. The change shall become effective on a date fixed by the State Board of Health Commissioner. Any change in the list of immunizations required may be amended or repealed in the same manner as provided for its adoption.

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Proceedings pursuant to this subsection shall be governed by the Administrative Procedures Act.

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- D. The State Department of Education and the governing boards of the school districts of this state shall provide for release to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority of the immunization records of school children covered under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act who have not received the required immunizations at the appropriate time. The information received pursuant to such release shall be transmitted by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to medical providers who provide services to such children pursuant to Title XIX or Title XXI to assist in their efforts to increase the rate of childhood immunizations pursuant to the requirements of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services provisions. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to prohibit or affect the eligibility of any child to receive benefits pursuant to Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security Act or to require the immunization of any child if such child is exempt from the immunization requirements pursuant to law. The name of any child exempt from immunization pursuant to Section 1210.192 of this title shall not be included in the information transmitted pursuant to this subsection.
- E. The State Department of Education shall provide and ensure that each school district in this state provides, in any notice or publication provided to parents regarding immunization requests,

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    information regarding immunization requirements for attendance of
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    school, exemptions to such requirements and information on where to
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    obtain an exemption form.
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        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.
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        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
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