



March 26, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (017141):** Establishes that a minor's parent or guardian may give authorization for all future vaccinations recommended by the minor's healthcare provider, rather than for each individual vaccination.

Establishes that a minor's parent or legal guardian who provides informed consent for all future vaccinations does not have to be present for the administration of a vaccine to the minor, as long as another adult accompanies the minor to the healthcare provider's visit where administration of the vaccine occurs, and that informed consent for future vaccinations is valid until revoked in writing, including a writing transmitted electronically, by a parent or legal guardian.

Does not apply to minors who have been in state custody for a continuous period of time that began prior to the effective date of the legislation and continues through the effective date of the legislation.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-165(c)(1), a healthcare provider shall not provide a vaccination to a minor unless the healthcare provider first receives informed consent from a parent or legal guardian of the minor.
- The proposed legislation establishes that a parent or legal guardian may provide informed consent for all future vaccinations recommended by the minor's healthcare provider, as long as an adult accompanies the minor to a receive the vaccination.
- Modifying the conditions under which informed consent may be given for the vaccination of a minor will not have a significant impact on the Department of Children's Services, the Department of Health, or the health-related boards.
- Any fiscal impact to state and local government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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