

PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION MODULE

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Department of Health to create an online education module regarding certain preventable diseases.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ requires the Department of Health to create an online education module for parents of children who are not immune to vaccine-preventable diseases.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-7-9, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-7-9** is enacted to read:

26-7-9. Online public health education module.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Health care provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section



28 [78B-3-403.](#)

29 (b) "Nonimmune" means that a child or an individual:

30 (i) has not received each vaccine required in Section [53A-11-303](#) and has not
31 developed a natural immunity through previous illness to a vaccine-preventable disease, as
32 documented by a health care provider;

33 (ii) cannot receive each vaccine required in Section [53A-11-303](#); or

34 (iii) is otherwise known to not be immune to a vaccine-preventable disease.

35 (c) "Vaccine-preventable disease" means an infectious disease that can be prevented by
36 a vaccination required in Section [53A-11-303](#).

37 (2) The department shall develop an online education module regarding
38 vaccine-preventable diseases:

39 (a) to assist a parent of a nonimmune child to:

40 (i) recognize the symptoms of vaccine-preventable diseases;

41 (ii) respond in the case of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease;

42 (iii) protect children who contract a vaccine-preventable disease; and

43 (iv) prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases;

44 (b) that contains only the following:

45 (i) information about vaccine-preventable diseases necessary to achieve the goals
46 stated in Subsection (2)(a), including the best practices to prevent the spread of
47 vaccine-preventable diseases;

48 (ii) recommendations to reduce the likelihood of a nonimmune individual contracting
49 or transmitting a vaccine-preventable disease; and

50 (iii) information about additional available resources related to vaccine-preventable
51 diseases and the availability of low-cost vaccines;

52 (c) that includes interactive questions or activities; and

53 (d) that is expected to take an average user 20 minutes or less to complete, based on
54 user testing.

55 (3) In developing the online education module described in Subsection (2), the
56 department shall consult with individuals interested in vaccination or vaccine-preventable
57 diseases, including:

58 (a) representatives from organizations of health care professionals; and

- 59 (b) parents of nonimmune children.
- 60 (4) The department shall make the online education module described in Subsection
- 61 (2) publicly available to parents through:
- 62 (a) a link on the department's website;
- 63 (b) county health departments, as that term is defined in Section [26A-1-102](#);
- 64 (c) local health departments, as that term is defined in Section [26A-1-102](#);
- 65 (d) local education agencies, as that term is defined in Section [53A-1-401](#); and
- 66 (e) other public health programs or organizations.
- 67 (5) The department shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee
- 68 before November 30, 2017, regarding compliance with this section.
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Legislative Review Note
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