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HOUSE BILL NO. 149

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HEALTH/DISEASE CONTROL: Requires students to submit proof of diabetes testing before entering school

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:170.1, relative to diabetes testing; to require diabetes testing
3 of students entering schools; to provide duties for implementation and
4 enforcement; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:170.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §170.1. Diabetes testing of persons entering schools, kindergartens,
9 colleges, universities, proprietary or vocational schools, and day
10 care centers for the first time

11 A. All persons entering any school within the state for the first
12 time, including elementary and secondary schools, kindergartens,
13 colleges, universities, proprietary schools, vocational schools, and
14 licensed day care centers, at the time of registration or entry shall
15 present satisfactory evidence of having been tested for diabetes
16 according to a schedule approved by the office of public health of the

1 Department of Health and Hospitals, or shall present evidence of
2 diabetes testing in progress.

3 B. The provisions of R.S. 17:170(D) and (E) shall be applicable
4 to Subsection A of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires students to submit proof of diabetes testing before entering school.

Present law requires persons entering any school in the state for the first time to present evidence of immunity to or immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases according to schedule approved by the office of public health of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) or evidence of an immunization program in progress. Includes elementary and secondary schools, kindergartens, colleges, universities, proprietary schools, vocational schools, and licensed day care centers among affected schools.

Proposed law retains present law and requires persons entering any school in the state for the first time to present evidence of having been tested for diabetes or evidence of diabetes testing in progress. Includes the same schools as provided in present law and provides that testing be according to a schedule approved as provided in present law.

Present law provides that chief administrators of schools are responsible for checking students' records to ensure the enforcement of immunization requirements.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that chief administrators of schools are responsible for checking students' records to ensure the enforcement of diabetes testing requirements.

Present law excepts students from immunization requirements upon submission of either a written statement from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian.

Proposed law retains present law and makes the same exceptions applicable to diabetes testing.

(Adds R.S. 17:170.1)