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BILL SUMMARY

- Suspends the requirement that a pupil who begins kindergarten during or after the school year beginning in 1999 be immunized against hepatitis B.
- Suspends the requirement that local governments and boards of health provide the means of immunization against hepatitis B.
- Suspends the authority of the Department of Health to approve means of immunization against hepatitis B.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Am. Sub. S.B. 153 of the 122nd General Assembly, which took effect September 30, 1998, expanded the requirements regarding the immunization of pupils against certain illnesses. It specifies that, with certain exceptions, no pupil who begins kindergarten at an elementary school subject to State Board of Education minimum standards during or after the 1999 school year may remain in school for more than 14 days unless the pupil presents written evidence satisfactory to the person in charge of admission that the pupil has been immunized by a Department of Health-approved method of immunization against hepatitis B or is in the process of being so immunized (sec. 3313.671--not in the bill).

S.B. 153 requires boards of health, legislative authorities of municipal corporations, and boards of township trustees, on application of a board of education or the proper authority of any school affected by the statutory immunization requirements, to provide at the public expense, without delay, the means of immunization against hepatitis B to pupils who are not provided with immunization by their parents or guardians (sec. 3313.671--not in the bill).

S.B. 153 also authorizes the Department of Health to approve the means of immunization against hepatitis B (sec. 3701.13--not in the bill).

The bill suspends, during the period beginning on its effective date and ending June 30, 2000, all of the following: (1) the requirement of immunization against hepatitis B for pupils who begin kindergarten during or after the 1999 school year, (2) the requirement that local governments and boards of health provide the means of immunization of pupils against hepatitis B, and (3) the authority of the Department of Health to approve means of immunization against hepatitis B.

When the suspension period ends, the requirements and authority suspended by the bill, in either the present form or as they are amended or reenacted during the period of suspension, again become fully operational.

HISTORY

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