

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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HOUSE BILL 2560

By: Representatives Key, Dickinson, Harris, Pyle, Rosenbaum

By: Senator Womack

Referred to

Aging, Children And Youth, Legislative & Military Affairs- House

by the House of Representatives

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE IMMUNIZATION OF CHILDREN IN
SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES VOLUNTARY FOR
IMMUNIZATIONS AGAINST SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED
DISEASES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO MAKE IMMUNIZATION OF CHILDREN
IN SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES
VOLUNTARY FOR IMMUNIZATIONS AGAINST
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-702(a), concerning student immunizations, is amended to read as follows:

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, no infant or child shall be admitted to a public or private school or child care facility of this state who has not been age-appropriately immunized from poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, red (rubeola) measles, rubella, and other diseases except sexually transmitted diseases as designated by the State Board of Health, as evidenced by a certificate of a licensed physician or a

1 public health department acknowledging the immunization.

2 (2) The board may establish a voluntary program through which a
3 parents or guardian of a child may elect to have the child immunized against
4 sexually transmitted diseases.

5 (3) The provisions of this subsection (a) regarding
6 immunizations against sexually transmitted diseases do not apply to
7 immunization requirements in effect as of January 1, 2007.

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9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-60-502 is amended to read as follows:

10 (a) No part-time student housed in on-campus premises and no full-time
11 student may attend a public or private college or university in this state
12 unless he or she has furnished proof, within such time as set by the college
13 or university, but not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days after enrollment,
14 by way of an official record from another educational institution in Arkansas
15 or a certificate from a licensed medical doctor or an authorized public
16 health department representative, that he or she has immunity against
17 measles, rubella, and ~~such~~ other diseases except sexually transmitted
18 diseases as delineated by the State Board of Health.

19 (b) The board may establish a voluntary program through which:

20 (1) A college student may elect to be immunized against sexually
21 transmitted diseases; or

22 (2) A parent or guardian of a college student who is a minor may
23 elect for the student to be immunized against sexually transmitted diseases.

24 (c) The provisions of this section regarding immunizations against
25 sexually transmitted diseases do not apply to immunization requirements in
26 effect as of January 1, 2007.

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28 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-78-206(a)(2)(A)(i), concerning
29 immunizations for children in child care facilities, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 (2)(A)(i)(a) However, no child care facility shall continue to admit a
32 child who has not been age-appropriately immunized from poliomyelitis,
33 diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, red (rubeola) measles, rubella, and any other
34 diseases except sexually transmitted diseases as designated by the State
35 Board of Health within fifteen (15) program days after the child's original
36 admission.

1 (b) The provisions of this subdivision
2 (2)(A)(i) regarding immunizations against sexually transmitted diseases do
3 not apply to immunization requirements in effect as of January 1, 2007.

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/s/ Key, et al