

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.

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-040

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1253

By: Representative Shelby

Filed with: House Interim Committee on Education
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM INFECTIOUS
DISEASE; TO REQUIRE IMMUNIZATIONS FOR DIPHTHERIA,
TETANUS TOXOIDS, AND ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS IN THE
SEVENTH GRADE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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SEVENTH GRADE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-702(a1), concerning State Board of Health rules for school 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 as designated by the State Board of Health, as evidenced by a certificate of a licensed physician or a public health department acknowledging the immunization.

(2) The State Board of Health shall adopt rules to implement



1 this subsection (a), including without limitation provisions for a booster
2 immunization for children entering the seventh grade containing vaccines for:

3 (a) Diphtheria;

4 (b) Tetanus toxoids; and

5 (c) Acellular pertussis.

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