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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1243

4 By: Representatives Argue, Bennett, P. Malone, Goodwin, J. Smith, Molinaro
5 and Roberts

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "THE PREVENTIVE IMMUNIZATION REPORTING ACT; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "THE PREVENTIVE IMMUNIZATION REPORTING
14 ACT."

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

18 SECTION 1. As used in this act:

19 (1) "Department" means the Arkansas Department of Health; and

20 (2) "Provider" means any health care professional who has direct or
21 supervisory responsibility for the delivery of immunizations.

23 SECTION 2. (a) The department shall establish a statewide childhood
24 immunization registry compatible with the state's birth certificate system.
25 Immunization records shall include data as specified by the department.

26 (b) The department shall make information regarding the immunization
27 status of children in the registry available to the parents or guardians of
28 the child, health care providers and individuals or organizations that are
29 required to report on the immunization status of children in their care.

30 (c) The department shall:

31 (1) promulgate regulations needed to implement this act;

32 (2) update reporting requirements annually based on
33 immunizations recommended by the national Advisory Committee on Immunization
34 Practices (ACIP); and

35 (3) develop an outreach plan for improving immunization goals.

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SECTION 3. (a)(1) All providers shall register with the department their intent to administer childhood immunizations to persons under twenty-two (22) years of age in accordance with guidelines established by the department.

(2) A provider shall report to the department the administration of any childhood immunization to a person under twenty-two (22) years of age in accordance with guidelines established by the department.

(b) Any provider who administers an immunization and fails to register with the department or make the required reports to the department or both shall be deemed guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor and be fined one hundred dollars (\$100).

SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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