State of Arkansas
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## A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1253

By: Representative Shelby

## 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

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

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §6-18-702(al), 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 this subsection (a), including without limitation provisions for a booster immunization for children entering the seventh grade containing vaccines for:
(a) Diphtheria;

