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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1786

5 By: Representative Boyd
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC
9 AND PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS; TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC OR
10 PRIVATE: SCHOOL TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A REPORT THAT
11 PROVIDES CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER AND
12 PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
13 SCHOOL WHO HAVE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO
14 OBTAIN VACCINATIONS AND THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF
15 STUDENTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL WHO HAVE
16 NEITHER PROVIDED PROOF OF VACCINATION NOR OBTAINED AN
17 EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN
18 VACCINATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

21 TO REQUIRE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO
22 REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE
23 NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO
24 HAVE EXEMPTIONS FROM OR HAVE NOT PROVIDED
25 PROOF OF REQUIRED VACCINATIONS.
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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31 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

32 The General Assembly finds that:

33 (1) Forty-six (46) states throughout the United States allow
34 exemptions based on religious or philosophical beliefs to vaccination
35 requirements for public and private school students;

36 (2) Continued allowance for exemptions to vaccination



1 requirements for public and private school students creates the opportunity
2 for outbreaks of a number of preventable diseases, which poses a nationwide
3 health crisis; and

4 (3) Reasonable steps should be taken in order to fully inform
5 parents and legal guardians of public and private school students regarding
6 the number and percentage of students within a public or private school who
7 have been granted exemptions from or have failed to fulfill the requirement
8 to obtain certain vaccinations in order to attend public or private school in
9 Arkansas.

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-702(b), concerning the responsibility
12 of public schools to enforce provisions of the law with respect to required
13 immunizations of public school students, is amended to add an additional
14 subdivision to read as follows:

15 (3)(A) A public or private school shall create and maintain a
16 report that provides information regarding the:

17 (i) Number of students within the public or private
18 school who have been granted from the Department of Health under subsection
19 (d) of this section an exemption from the requirement to obtain one (1) or
20 more vaccinations as required under this section; and

21 (ii) Percentage of students within the public or
22 private school who have been granted from the Department of Health under
23 subsection (d) of this section an exemption from the requirement to obtain
24 one (1) or more vaccinations as required under this section.

25 (B) The report required under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of
26 this section shall:

27 (i) Be updated by December 1 of each year;

28 (ii) Be posted and available to the public online;

29 (iii) Include the number of students within the
30 public or private school who have:

31 (a) Failed to provide to the public or private
32 school proof of the vaccinations required under this section; and

33 (b) Not obtained an exemption from the
34 Department of Health under this section; and

35 (iv) Include the percentage of students within the
36 public or private school who have:

1 (a) Failed to provide to the public or private
2 school proof of the vaccinations required under this section; and
3 (b) Not obtained an exemption from the
4 Department of Health under this section.

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