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1 AN ACT Relating to addressing the vaccination for COVID-19
2 requirement for children attending schools or day care centers; and
3 amending RCW 28A.210.080.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.210.080 and 2007 c 276 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The attendance of every child at every public and private
8 school in the state and licensed day care center shall be conditioned
9 upon the presentation before or on each child's first day of
10 attendance at a particular school or center, of proof of either (a)
11 full immunization, (b) the initiation of and compliance with a
12 schedule of immunization, as required by rules of the state board of
13 health, or (c) a certificate of exemption as provided for in RCW
14 28A.210.090. The attendance at the school or the day care center
15 during any subsequent school year of a child who has initiated a
16 schedule of immunization shall be conditioned upon the presentation
17 of proof of compliance with the schedule on the child's first day of
18 attendance during the subsequent school year. Once proof of full
19 immunization or proof of completion of an approved schedule has been
20 presented, no further proof shall be required as a condition to
21 attendance at the particular school or center.

1 (2) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (1) of this
2 section, if, pursuant to RCW 28A.210.140, the state board of health
3 adds COVID-19 vaccination to the requirements for full immunization,
4 the attendance of a child in a public or private school shall not be
5 conditioned upon proof of vaccination for COVID-19 unless the school
6 district affirmatively adopts the COVID-19 vaccination requirement
7 for that district.

8 (3)(a) Beginning with sixth grade entry, every public and private
9 school in the state shall provide parents and guardians with
10 information about meningococcal disease and its vaccine at the
11 beginning of every school year. The information about meningococcal
12 disease shall include:

13 (i) Its causes and symptoms, how meningococcal disease is spread,
14 and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional
15 information and vaccinations for their children; and

16 (ii) Current recommendations from the United States centers for
17 disease control and prevention regarding the receipt of vaccines for
18 meningococcal disease and where the vaccination can be received.

19 (b) This subsection shall not be construed to require the
20 department of health or the school to provide meningococcal
21 vaccination to students.

22 (c) The department of health shall prepare the informational
23 materials and shall consult with the office of superintendent of
24 public instruction.

25 (d) This subsection does not create a private right of action.

26 (~~(3)~~) (4)(a) Beginning with sixth grade entry, every public
27 school in the state shall provide parents and guardians with
28 information about human papillomavirus disease and its vaccine at the
29 beginning of every school year. The information about human
30 papillomavirus disease shall include:

31 (i) Its causes and symptoms, how human papillomavirus disease is
32 spread, and the places where parents and guardians may obtain
33 additional information and vaccinations for their children; and

34 (ii) Current recommendations from the United States centers for
35 disease control and prevention regarding the receipt of vaccines for
36 human papillomavirus disease and where the vaccination can be
37 received.

38 (b) This subsection shall not be construed to require the
39 department of health or the school to provide human papillomavirus
40 vaccination to students.

1 (c) The department of health shall prepare the informational
2 materials and shall consult with the office of the superintendent of
3 public instruction.

4 (d) This subsection does not create a private right of action.

5 (~~(4)~~) (5) Private schools are required by state law to notify
6 parents that information on the human papillomavirus disease prepared
7 by the department of health is available.

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