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SENATE DRS55303-LN-184 (3/8)

Short Title: Vaccine Requirements/School Entry. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hartsell.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE THIRTY-DAY GRACE PERIOD FOR PRESENTING
PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION OF CHILDREN ENTERING PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 130A-155 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-155. Submission of certificate to child care facility, preschool and school authorities; record maintenance; reporting.

(a) No child shall attend a school (pre K-12), whether public, private or religious, a child care facility as defined in G.S. 110-86(3), unless a certificate of immunization indicating that the child has received the immunizations required by G.S. 130A-152 is presented to the school or facility. The parent, guardian, or responsible person must present a certificate of immunization on the child's first day of attendance to the principal of the school or operator of the facility, as defined in G.S. 110-86(7). If a certificate of immunization is not presented on the first day, the principal or operator shall present a notice of deficiency to the parent, guardian or responsible ~~person~~ person, and the principal or operator shall not permit the child to attend the school or facility unless and until the required immunization has been obtained. If the administration of vaccine in a series of doses given at medically approved intervals requires a period beyond the first day of attendance, additional days upon certification by a physician may be allowed to obtain the required immunization.

~~The parent, guardian or responsible person shall have 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to obtain the required immunization for the child. If the administration of vaccine in a series of doses given at medically approved intervals requires a period in excess of 30 calendar days, additional days upon certification by a physician may be allowed to obtain the required immunization. Upon termination of 30 calendar days or the extended period, the principal or operator shall not permit the child to attend the school or facility unless the required immunization has been obtained.~~

1 (b) The school or child care facility shall maintain on file immunization records
2 for all children attending the school or facility which contain the information required
3 for a certificate of immunization as specified in G.S. 130A-154. These certificates shall
4 be open to inspection by the Department and the local health department during normal
5 business hours. When a child transfers to another school or facility, the school or facility
6 which the child previously attended shall, upon request, send a copy of the child's
7 immunization record at no charge to the school or facility to which the child has
8 transferred.

9 (c) Within 60 calendar days after the commencement of a new school year, the
10 school shall file an immunization report with the Department. The child care facility
11 shall file an immunization report annually with the Department. The report shall be filed
12 on forms prepared by the Department and shall state the number of children attending
13 the school or facility, the number of children who had not obtained the required
14 immunization ~~within 30 days of their first attendance, on the first day of attendance, the~~
15 ~~number of children who received a medical exemption~~ and the number of children who
16 received a religious exemption.

17 (d) Any adult who attends school (pre K-12), whether public, private or religious,
18 shall obtain the immunizations required in G.S. 130A-152 and shall present to the
19 school a certificate in accordance with this section. The physician or local health
20 department administering a required vaccine to the adult shall give a certificate of
21 immunization to the person. The certificate shall state the person's name, address, date
22 of birth and sex; the number of doses of the vaccine given; the date the doses were
23 given; the name and addresses of the physician or local health department administering
24 the required immunization; and other relevant information required by the
25 Commission."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to the
27 convening of the 2007-2008 school year.