

Legislative Analysis



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Senate Bill 237

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Senate Bill 238

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Senate Bill 239

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILLS 237-239 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 5-9-13

Senate Bill 237 would amend the Public Health Code (MCL 333.9208) to require students to submit a certificate of immunization upon enrolling in Grade 7, instead of Grade 6 as is currently required. The change would begin as of January 1, 2014. Other immunization requirements remain unchanged.

Specifically, the requirement is imposed on a parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis, who must present a certificate of immunization or a statement of exemption to school officials at the time of registration or not later than the first day of school. The Health Code provides exemptions based either on physician-certification of medical contraindication or on religious convictions or other objection to immunization.

Senate Bills 238 and 239 would make complementary amendments to the Revised School Code and the State School Aid Act (MCL 380.1177 and MCL 388.1767, respectively) to reflect the immunization grade change.

The bills are tie-barred to each other, meaning that no single bill could take effect unless all were also enacted. The legislation would take effect July 1, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bills would have no fiscal impact on the state, school districts, or other local units of government.

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