

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6205

November 26, 2024, Introduced by Rep. Skaggs and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 9215 (MCL 333.9215).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 9215. (1) A child is exempt from the requirements of this  
2 part as to a specific immunization for any period of time as to  
3 which a physician certifies **on a completed medical contraindication**  
4 **form as prescribed in this section** that a specific immunization is  
5 or may be detrimental to the child's health or is not appropriate.

1           (2) A child is exempt from this part if a parent, guardian, or  
2 person in loco parentis of the child presents a ~~written statement~~  
3 **completed nonmedical immunization waiver form as prescribed in this**  
4 **section** to the administrator of the child's school or operator of  
5 the group program to the effect that the requirements of this part  
6 cannot be met because of religious convictions or other objection  
7 to immunization. **The nonmedical immunization waiver form must be**  
8 **obtained in person from a local health department by the parent,**  
9 **guardian, or person in loco parentis of a child and, subject to**  
10 **this subsection, the nonmedical immunization waiver form must be**  
11 **signed by the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the**  
12 **child and witnessed by a local health officer. Before witnessing**  
13 **the signature of a parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of**  
14 **a child on the nonmedical immunization waiver form described in**  
15 **this section, the local health officer shall inform the parent,**  
16 **guardian, or person in loco parentis of the child on the risks of**  
17 **not receiving the vaccine being waived by the parent, guardian, or**  
18 **person in loco parentis of the child and the benefits of**  
19 **immunizations to the child and the community.**

20           (3) The department shall create a medical contraindication  
21 form that must be used by a physician who certifies that a specific  
22 immunization is or may be detrimental to a child's health or is not  
23 appropriate. The department shall include on the medical  
24 contraindication form at least all of the following:

25           (a) A statement that the laws of this state require that a  
26 child enrolled in a school or a group program be immunized against  
27 the diseases specified by the department unless an exemption  
28 applies.

29           (b) A statement that a child is exempt from a specific

1 immunization for any period of time as to which a physician  
2 certifies that the specific immunization is or may be detrimental  
3 to the child's health or is not appropriate.

4 (c) A statement that a child with a medical contraindication  
5 to a vaccination is considered susceptible to a vaccine-preventable  
6 disease and the child may be excluded from the child's school or  
7 group program if an outbreak of that disease occurs in the school  
8 or group program.

9 (d) A space for the printed name and date of birth of the  
10 child.

11 (e) A space for the printed name of the child's school or  
12 group program.

13 (f) A space for the printed name, address, and telephone  
14 number of the physician signing the medical contraindication form.

15 (g) A space for the signature of the physician.

16 (h) A space for the physician to identify the vaccine that is  
17 medically contraindicated.

18 (i) A space for the physician to describe the reason for the  
19 exemption.

20 (j) A space for the physician to indicate the date that the  
21 exemption expires.

22 (4) The department shall create a nonmedical immunization  
23 waiver form that must be used by a parent, guardian, or person in  
24 loco parentis of a child who claims an exemption for a child from  
25 the immunization requirements of this part based on a religious  
26 conviction or other objection to immunization. The department shall  
27 include on the nonmedical immunization waiver form at least all of  
28 the following:

29 (a) Instructions to the parent, guardian, or person in loco

1 parentis of the child that sections 9208 and 9211 require the  
2 parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the child to submit  
3 to school officials or the operator of the child's group program  
4 either a certificate of immunization verifying that the child has  
5 been immunized against the diseases specified by the department or  
6 a written statement indicating a religious conviction or other  
7 objection to immunization.

8 (b) A space for the printed name and date of birth of the  
9 child.

10 (c) A space for the parent, guardian, or person in loco  
11 parentis of the child to identify the vaccine for which the parent,  
12 guardian, or person in loco parentis objects.

13 (d) A space for the parent, guardian, or person in loco  
14 parentis of the child to describe the religious conviction or other  
15 objection to immunization.

16 (e) A space for the printed name, address, and telephone  
17 number of the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the  
18 child signing the nonmedical immunization waiver form.

19 (f) A space for the printed name of the child's school or  
20 group program.

21 (g) A statement indicating that the child may be excluded from  
22 the child's school or group program if the local health department  
23 or the department recommends excluding the child as a disease  
24 control measure.

25 (h) A statement that, by signing the nonmedical immunization  
26 waiver form, the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of  
27 the child acknowledges that the child and others may be at risk of  
28 serious illness if the child contracts a disease that could have  
29 been prevented through proper immunization.

1 (i) A space for the signature of the parent, guardian, or  
2 person in loco parentis of the child.

3 (j) A space for the signature of the local health officer who  
4 witnessed the signature of the parent, guardian, or person in loco  
5 parentis of the child, including a certification that the local  
6 health officer provided the information required under subsection  
7 (2) to the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the  
8 child.

9 (5) The department shall provide to all local health  
10 departments the nonmedical immunization waiver form created under  
11 subsection (4).

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
13 unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 6206 (request no.  
14 05847'24 a) of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into law.