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## **HB 2470**

Introduced by  
Representative Barto: Senator Boyer

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING SECTION 15-873, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO  
IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTIONS.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-873, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-873. Exemptions; nonattendance during outbreak

5 A. Documentary proof is not required for a pupil to be admitted to  
6 school if one of the following occurs:

7 1. The parent or guardian of the pupil submits a signed statement  
8 to the school administrator stating that the parent or guardian has  
9 received information about immunizations provided by the department of  
10 health services and understands the risks and benefits of immunizations  
11 and the potential risks of nonimmunization and that due to personal  
12 beliefs, the parent or guardian does not consent to the immunization of  
13 the pupil. A PUPIL AT ANY LEVEL OR GRADE THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE IS  
14 ELIGIBLE FOR A RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH.

15 2. The school administrator receives written certification that is  
16 signed by the parent or guardian and by a physician or a registered nurse  
17 practitioner, that states that one or more of the required immunizations  
18 may be detrimental to the pupil's health and that indicates the specific  
19 nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstance that  
20 precludes immunization.

21 B. An exemption pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 2 OF THIS  
22 SECTION is only valid during the duration of the circumstance or condition  
23 that precludes immunization.

24 C. Pupils who lack documentary proof of immunization shall not  
25 attend school during outbreak periods of communicable  
26 immunization-preventable diseases as determined by the department of  
27 health services or local health department. The department of health  
28 services or local health department shall transmit notice of this  
29 determination to the school administrator WHO IS responsible for the  
30 exclusion of the pupils.