



ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2470: schools; immunization; religious exemption

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Overview

Provides a religious exemption from immunization requirements for pupils attending school.

History

A student is not allowed to attend school without submitting documentary proof of immunizations to the school administrator, unless they are exempt from immunization. Unless proof of an exemption is provided, and a pupil fails to comply with the immunization schedule, the pupil will be suspended from school until documentation is provided. ([A.R.S. § 15-872](#))

Documentary proof that a child has been vaccinated is not required for a pupil to be admitted to school if a parent or guardian submits a signed statement to the school, stating the parent or guardian has received information about immunizations provided by the Department of Human Services (DHS), they understand the risks and benefits associated with immunization or nonimmunization but due to personal beliefs, the parent or guardian does not consent to immunization of the pupil. ([A.R.S. § 15-873](#))

The Director of DHS shall provide reasonable rules regarding the health, safety and well-being of the children to be cared for in a child care facility. Any rule that relates to educational activities, physical examination, medical treatment or immunization shall include appropriate exemptions for children whose parents object because it conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination of which the parent or child is an adherent or member. ([A.R.S. § 36-883](#))

Provisions

1. Allows a religious exemption from immunization requirements for pupils at any grade level through 12th. (Sec. 1)
2. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

Amendments

Committee on Health and Human Services

1. Allows a signed statement to be provided by either DHS or the parent or guardian of the child not being immunized.
2. Prohibits any rule relating to educational activities, physical examination, medical treatment or immunization from requiring a parent to sign a form that is provided by DHS.
3. Allows a parent to provide and sign the exemption document.
4. Permits a child at any level of child care be eligible for a personal or religious exemption.
5. Makes technical changes.

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