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## **HB 2162**

Introduced by  
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AN ACT

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

(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. Exemption; nonattendance during outbreak

5 A. Documentary proof **OF IMMUNIZATION** is not required for a pupil to  
6 be admitted to 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.~~

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

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

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