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Introduced by
Senator Boyer: Representative Barto

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.