ARIZONA STATE SENATE  
Fifty-Fifth Legislature, Second Regular Session  

AMENDED  
FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2371  

state agencies; cash payment; acceptance  
(Now: enforcement prohibition; vaccinations; requirements)  

Purpose  

Prohibits the state and any political subdivision that receives and uses state tax revenues (governmental entity) from requiring any person under 18 years of age receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or a COVID-19 variant without the consent of a parent or guardian. Classifies, as a class 1 misdemeanor, a violation of the prohibition.  

Background  

On April 19, 2021, the Governor issued an Executive Order prohibiting a state agency, county, city, town or other political subdivision from adopting any order, policy, regulation, ordinance or other measure that requires an individual to provide documentation regarding the individual's COVID-19 vaccination status as a condition of: 1) entering any building, business, facility, location, park or other space; or 2) receiving any service, permit, license or other work authorization requirement (Executive Order 2021-09).  

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.  

Provisions  

1. Prohibits any governmental entity from requiring a person under 18 years of age receive a vaccination for COVID-19 or a COVID-19 variant without the consent of a parent or guardian.  

2. Classifies, as a class 1 misdemeanor, a violation of the prohibition on requiring a person under 18 years of age to receive a COVID-19 vaccination without parental the consent of a parent or guardian.  

3. Allows a county attorney to prosecute any violation of the prohibition on requiring a person under 18 years of age to receive a COVID-19 vaccination without the consent of a parent or guardian.  

4. Defines governmental entity.  

5. Designates this legislation as the Health Care Freedom Act.  


7. Becomes effective on the general effective date.
Amendments Adopted by Committee

- Adopted the strike-everything amendment.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

1. Prohibits a governmental entity from requiring a minor to receive a COVID-19 vaccination without the consent of a parent or guardian, rather than enforcing any requirement that a minor receive a COVID-19 vaccination without parental consent.

2. Makes technical and conforming changes.

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