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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. Exemptions; nonattendance during outbreak

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

7 1. The parent or guardian of the ~~pupit~~ STUDENT submits a signed
8 statement to the school administrator stating that the parent or guardian
9 has 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 ~~pupit~~ STUDENT.

14 2. THE STUDENT IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND SUBMITS A
15 SIGNED STATEMENT TO THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR STATING THAT THE STUDENT HAS
16 RECEIVED INFORMATION ABOUT IMMUNIZATIONS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 HEALTH SERVICES AND UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF IMMUNIZATIONS
18 AND THE POTENTIAL RISKS OF NONIMMUNIZATION AND THAT, DUE TO PERSONAL
19 BELIEFS, THE STUDENT DOES NOT CONSENT TO THE IMMUNIZATION.

20 ~~2-~~ 3. The school administrator receives written certification that
21 is signed by the parent or guardian and by a physician or a registered
22 nurse practitioner, that states that one or more of the required
23 immunizations may be detrimental to the ~~pupit's~~ STUDENT'S health and that
24 indicates the specific nature and probable duration of the medical
25 condition or circumstance that precludes immunization.

26 B. An exemption pursuant to subsection A, paragraph ~~2-~~ 3 OF THIS
27 SECTION is ~~only~~ valid ONLY during the duration of the circumstance or
28 condition that precludes immunization.

29 C. ~~Pupits~~ STUDENTS who lack documentary proof of immunization shall
30 not attend school during outbreak periods of communicable
31 immunization-preventable diseases as determined by the department of
32 health services or local health department. The department of health
33 services or local health department shall transmit notice of this
34 determination to the school administrator responsible for the exclusion of
35 the ~~pupits~~ STUDENTS.