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HOUSE BILL 1463

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By Representatives Green, Rodne, Cody and Moeller

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1            AN ACT Relating to meningococcal immunization; amending RCW  
2 28A.210.080; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.210.080 and 1990 c 33 s 192 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) The attendance of every child at every public and private  
7 school in the state and licensed day care center shall be conditioned  
8 upon the presentation before or on each child's first day of attendance  
9 at a particular school or center, of proof of either ~~((+1))~~ (a) full  
10 immunization, ~~((+2))~~ (b) the initiation of and compliance with a  
11 schedule of immunization, as required by rules of the state board of  
12 health, or ~~((+3))~~ (c) a certificate of exemption as provided for in  
13 RCW 28A.210.090. The attendance at the school or the day care center  
14 during any subsequent school year of a child who has initiated a  
15 schedule of immunization shall be conditioned upon the presentation of  
16 proof of compliance with the schedule on the child's first day of  
17 attendance during the subsequent school year. Once proof of full  
18 immunization or proof of completion of an approved schedule has been

1 presented, no further proof shall be required as a condition to  
2 attendance at the particular school or center.

3 (2)(a) Every public and private school in the state shall provide  
4 parents and guardians with information about meningococcal disease and  
5 its vaccine at the beginning of every school year. The information  
6 about meningococcal disease shall include:

7 (i) Its causes and symptoms, how meningococcal disease is spread,  
8 and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional  
9 information and vaccinations for their children; and

10 (ii) Current recommendations from the United States centers for  
11 disease control and prevention regarding the receipt of vaccines for  
12 meningococcal disease and where the vaccination can be received.

13 (b) This subsection shall not be construed to require the  
14 department of health or the school to provide meningococcal vaccination  
15 to students.

16 (c) The department of health shall be consulted regarding the  
17 preparation of the information materials provided to students.

18 (d) This subsection does not create a private right of action.

19 (e) The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to  
20 implement the requirements of this act and shall annually attest that  
21 the program has been implemented.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
25 July 1, 2005.

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