

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5143

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning the availability of childhood immunization resources for expecting parents.

Sponsors: Senators Becker, Bailey, Dammeier, Rivers, Frockt, Brown and Parlette.

Senate Committee on Health Care
House Committee on Health Care & Wellness

Background: The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention establish a schedule for the vaccination of infants and children based on recommendations from the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices. The Washington State Board of Health has adopted immunization requirements for schools and child care centers. The requirements address immunizations for 11 vaccine-preventable diseases based on national immunization guidelines.

The Department of Health (DOH), consistent with the national immunization guidelines, requires a child to be vaccinated against, or show proof of acquired immunity for, 11 vaccine-preventable diseases before attending a Washington school or child care center, including diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis or whooping cough. A child may be exempt from immunization requirements for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons.

DOH maintains the Child Profile Health Promotion System to distribute health and safety mailings, including immunization information, to Washington parents of young children from birth to age six. DOH also maintains the Washington State Immunization Information System, a web-based tool for health care providers and schools to track immunization records for Washington residents of all ages.

Summary: DOH must develop and make available resources for expecting parents regarding recommended childhood immunizations. The resources are intended to be provided to expecting parents by their health care providers to encourage discussion on childhood immunizations and postnatal care.

Votes on Final Passage:

2015 Regular Session
Senate 49 0

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2016 Regular Session

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House 97 0

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