

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1522

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; directing school boards
8 to provide certain information to specified parents
9 on the human papillomavirus infection; directing the
10 State Department of Health to prescribe certain
11 information; requiring certain parents to furnish a
12 specified written statement; directing the Department
13 to prescribe certain form; prohibiting certain
14 consequences; requiring certain report; providing for
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.195.1 of Title 70, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. At the beginning of each school year, when the board of
21 education of a school district provides information on
22 immunizations, infectious diseases, medications, or other school
23 health issues to parents and guardians of students, the board shall
24 include the following information prescribed by the State Department
of Health pursuant to subsection B of this section to each parent of
a female student who is entering grade six:

1 1. The link between cervical cancer and the human
2 papillomavirus (HPV) infection; and

3 2. A statement that an immunization against the human
4 papillomavirus (HPV) infection is available.

5 B. The State Department of Health shall make available to
6 school districts information concerning cervical cancer and the
7 human papillomavirus (HPV) infection required in subsection A of
8 this section. The information shall include the following:

9 1. The latest scientific information on the immunization
10 against the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection and the
11 immunization's effectiveness against causes of cervical cancer;

12 2. That a pap smear is still critical for the detection of
13 precancerous changes in the cervix to allow for treatment before
14 cervical cancer develops;

15 3. Information concerning the means in which the human
16 papillomavirus (HPV) infection is contracted;

17 4. A statement that any questions or concerns concerning
18 immunizing the child against human papillomavirus (HPV) can be
19 answered by contacting a health care provider.

20 C. Each school district shall require the parent of a female
21 student entering grade six to furnish not later than twenty (20)
22 schools days after the first day of school a written statement
23 prescribed by the State Department of Health pursuant to subsection
24 D of this section stating that the parent has received the

1 information required pursuant to subsection A of this section and
2 that:

3 1. The student has received or is receiving the immunization
4 against the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection;

5 2. The parent has decided not to have the student immunized
6 against the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection; or

7 3. The parent chooses not to provide the information to the
8 school district concerning whether or not the student was immunized
9 against the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection.

10 D. The State Department of Health shall prescribe the content
11 and format for the written statement required under subsection C of
12 this section.

13 E. A student may not be prevented in enrolling in, attending,
14 or graduating from school for the sole reason that the student has
15 not provided the school district with the written statement required
16 under subsection C of this section.

17 F. Not later than sixty (60) days after the first day of
18 school, each school district shall file a written report with the
19 State Department of Health providing a statement of the number of
20 female students in grade six:

21 1. Who have been or will be immunized against human
22 papillomavirus (HPV) infection;

23 2. Who have not been immunized against human papillomavirus
24 (HPV) infection; and

1 3. Whose parent chose not to provide the information to the
2 school concerning whether or not the student was immunized against
3 the human papillomavirus (HPV) infection.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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