

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1854

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to immunizations; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.191, which relates to required immunization tests; requiring the State Department of Education and school districts to provide certain information and links or forms; updating statutory term; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.191, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.191. A. No minor child shall be admitted to any public, private, or parochial school operating in this state unless and until certification is presented to the appropriate school authorities from a licensed physician, or authorized representative of the State Department of Health, that such child has received or is in the process of receiving, immunizations against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, haemophilus influenzae type B (HIB), measles (rubeola), rubella, poliomyelitis, varicella, and hepatitis A or is likely to be immune as a result of the disease.

1 B. Immunizations required, and the manner and frequency of
2 their administration, as prescribed by the State ~~Board~~ Commissioner
3 of Health, shall conform to recognized standard medical practices in
4 the state. The State Department of Health shall supervise and
5 secure the enforcement of the required immunization program. The
6 State Department of Education and the governing boards of the school
7 districts of this state shall render reasonable assistance to the
8 State Department of Health in the enforcement of the provisions
9 hereof.

10 C. The ~~State Board of Health~~ Commissioner, by rule, may alter
11 the list of immunizations required after notice and hearing. Any
12 change in the list of immunizations required shall be submitted to
13 the next regular session of the Legislature and such change shall
14 remain in force and effect unless and until a concurrent resolution
15 of disapproval is passed. Hearings shall be conducted by the ~~State~~
16 ~~Board of Health~~ Commissioner, or such officer, agents or employees
17 as the ~~Board of Health~~ Commissioner may designate for that purpose.
18 The ~~State Board of Health~~ Commissioner shall give appropriate notice
19 of the proposed change in the list of immunizations required and of
20 the time and place for hearing. The change shall become effective
21 on a date fixed by the ~~State Board of Health~~ Commissioner. Any
22 change in the list of immunizations required may be amended or
23 repealed in the same manner as provided for its adoption.
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1 Proceedings pursuant to this subsection shall be governed by the
2 Administrative Procedures Act.

3 D. The State Department of Education and the governing boards
4 of the school districts of this state shall provide for release to
5 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority of the immunization records of
6 school children covered under Title XIX or Title XXI of the federal
7 Social Security Act who have not received the required immunizations
8 at the appropriate time. The information received pursuant to such
9 release shall be transmitted by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority
10 to medical providers who provide services to such children pursuant
11 to Title XIX or Title XXI to assist in their efforts to increase the
12 rate of childhood immunizations pursuant to the requirements of the
13 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)
14 services provisions. The provisions of this subsection shall not be
15 construed to prohibit or affect the eligibility of any child to
16 receive benefits pursuant to Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social
17 Security Act or to require the immunization of any child if such
18 child is exempt from the immunization requirements pursuant to law.
19 The name of any child exempt from immunization pursuant to Section
20 1210.192 of this title shall not be included in the information
21 transmitted pursuant to this subsection.

22 E. The State Department of Education shall provide, and ensure
23 that each school district in this state provides, in any notice or
24 publication provided to parents regarding immunization requests:

1 1. The entirety of the immunization laws and rules of this
2 state; and

3 2. Links to all relevant immunization exemption forms in the
4 case of an electronic notice or publication, or a copy of all
5 relevant immunization exemption forms in the case of a printed
6 notice or publication.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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