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Bill Analysis

SB 477 modifies language regarding vaccination of students enrolling in postsecondary institutions. The measure prohibits any public or private postsecondary educational institution beginning with the 2021-22 academic year from requiring first-time enrolling students who reside in on-campus housing be vaccinated against meningococcal disease and removes language providing exemptions from the vaccination. The measure states that an institution may request an enrolled student submit written documentation of whether the student has been vaccinated against meningococcal disease. Additionally, the measure creates a misdemeanor for any institution employee who coerces or in any way influences a student to receive such a vaccination.

The measure also prohibits institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and certain private institutions in the state from requiring that enrolled full-time or part-time students be vaccinated against hepatitis B, measles, mumps and rubella. It removes language providing exemptions from the vaccinations. The measure states that an institution may request an enrolled student submit written documentation of whether the student has been vaccinated against hepatitis B, measles, mumps and rubella. Additionally, it creates a misdemeanor for any institution employee who coerces or in any way influences a student to receive such a vaccination. The measure also prohibits institutions within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education and certain private institutions from requiring that enrolled full-time or part-time students receive any vaccination, be required to use any medical device or be required to undergo any medical procedure, surgical procedure or physical examination.

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