

House Bill 845

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early  
2 care and learning, so as to require early care and education programs to provide information  
3 on the influenza vaccine; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 1A of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to early care and  
8 learning, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "20-1A-18.

10 (a) Each early care and education program shall, by September 1 of each year, provide to  
11 the parent or guardian of each child enrolled in the program educational information on the  
12 influenza vaccine. Such information shall include, but not be limited to:

13 (1) The causes and symptoms of influenza and the means by which it is spread;

14 (2) The risks associated with influenza;

15 (3) The availability, effectiveness, and known contraindications of the influenza vaccine;  
16 and

17 (4) Related recommendations issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control and  
18 Prevention, including the recommended ages at which children receive the influenza  
19 vaccine.

20 (b) The failure on the part of an early care and education program to comply with the  
21 provisions of this Code section shall not subject such program to any civil or criminal  
22 liability.

23 (c) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require any early care and education  
24 program to provide or pay for immunizations against influenza."

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**SECTION 2.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.