

House Bill 198

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Cooper of the 43rd, Newton of the 123rd, Gardner of the 57th, and Jasperse of the 11th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require
3 local school systems to provide certain information to parents and guardians of students in
4 grades six through 12 on influenza and its vaccine whenever other health information is
5 provided; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising
10 Code Section 20-2-778, relating to required information to parents of students regarding
11 meningococcal meningitis, as follows:

12 "20-2-778.

13 (a) If a local board of education provides information on immunizations, infectious
14 diseases, medications, or other school health issues to parents and guardians of students in
15 grades six through 12, then the following information about meningococcal meningitis
16 disease and influenza and ~~its vaccine~~ their respective vaccines shall be included:

17 (1) A description of causes, symptoms, and means of transmission;

18 (2) A list of sources for additional information; and

19 (3) Related recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization
20 Practices of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

21 (b) The Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Public Health,
22 shall develop and make available the information about meningococcal meningitis disease
23 and influenza and ~~its vaccine~~ their respective vaccines to local school systems as required
24 under subsection (a) of this Code section in an efficient manner that shall include posting
25 the information on its website."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.