

House Bill 1416

By: Representatives Schofield of the 60th, Scott of the 76th, Clark of the 108th, Davis of the 87th, and Hutchinson of the 107th

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 the Department of Education to provide certain information to parents and guardians of
4 students completing the fifth and sixth grades regarding recommended adolescent
5 vaccinations; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

13 "20-2-778.

14 (a) Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, the Department of Education shall provide
15 all parents and guardians of students completing the fifth and sixth grades with a copy of
16 the standard certification of immunization form created by the Department of Public Health

17 and written information on recommended adolescent vaccinations, including those for
 18 meningococcal meningitis, human papillomavirus (HPV), and tetanus, diphtheria, and
 19 pertussis (TDAP). The written information required pursuant to this subsection shall
 20 include:

- 21 (1) A description of causes, symptoms, and means of transmission;
 22 (2) A list of sources for additional information; and
 23 (3) Related recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization
 24 Practices of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

25 The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations prescribing the
 26 contents of the written information required pursuant to this subsection.

27 (b) If a local board of education provides information on immunizations, infectious
 28 diseases, medications, or other school health issues to parents and guardians of students in
 29 grades ~~six~~ seven through 12, then the following information about meningococcal
 30 meningitis disease and influenza and their respective vaccines shall be included:

- 31 (1) A description of causes, symptoms, and means of transmission;
 32 (2) A list of sources for additional information; and
 33 (3) Related recommendations issued by the Advisory Committee on Immunization
 34 Practices of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

35 ~~(b)~~(c) The Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Public Health,
 36 shall develop and make available the information about meningococcal meningitis disease
 37 and influenza and their respective vaccines to local school systems as required under
 38 subsection ~~subsections~~ subsections (a) and (b) of this Code section in an efficient manner that shall
 39 include ~~posting the information on its website~~ both print and electronic forms."

40 **SECTION 2.**

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