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SENATE BILL 982

Short Title: Immunization Certificate/College Students. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Atwater, Dorsett, Jones, Malone, and Rand.

Referred to: Health Care.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN IMMUNIZATION
2 CERTIFICATE FROM CERTAIN COLLEGE STUDENTS.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 130A-155.1 reads as rewritten:

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6 "(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no person shall attend a
7 college or university, whether public, private, or religious, unless a certificate of
8 immunization or a record of immunization from a high school located in North Carolina
9 indicating that the person has received immunizations required by G.S. 130A-152 is
10 presented to the college or university. This section shall not apply to educational
11 institutions established under Chapter 115D of the General Statutes, or to students
12 registering only in off-campus courses, or to students attending night or weekend
13 classes only, or to students taking a course load of four credit hours or less and residing
14 off campus-campus, or to students taking a combination of night or weekend courses
15 and no more than four credit hours during the day and residing off campus. The person
16 shall present a certificate or record of immunization on or before the date the person
17 first registers for a quarter or semester during which the student will reside on the
18 campus or first registers for more than four credit hours to the registrar of the college or
19 university. If a certificate or record of immunization is not in the possession of the
20 college or university on the date of first registration, the college or university shall
21 present a notice of deficiency to the person. The person shall have 30 calendar days
22 from the date of the person's first registration to obtain the required immunization. If
23 immunization requires a series of doses and the period necessary to give the vaccine at
24 standard intervals extends beyond the date of the first registration, the student shall be
25 allowed to attend the college or university upon written certification by a physician that
26 the standard series is in progress. The physician shall state the time period needed to
27 complete the series. Upon termination of this time period, the college or university shall
28 not permit the person to continue in attendance unless the required immunization has
29 been obtained.

1 (b) The college or university shall maintain on file immunization records for all
2 persons attending the school which contain the information required for a certificate of
3 immunization as specified in G.S. 130A-154. These certificates shall be open to
4 inspection by the Department and the local health department during normal business
5 hours. When a person transfers to another college or university, the college or university
6 which the person previously attended shall, upon request, send a copy of the person's
7 immunization record at no charge to the college or university to which the person has
8 transferred.

9 (c) Within 60 calendar days after the commencement of a new school year, the
10 college or university shall file an immunization report with the Department. The report
11 shall be filed on forms prepared by the Department and shall state the number of
12 persons attending the school or facility, the number of persons who had not obtained the
13 required immunization within 30 days of their first attendance, the number of persons
14 who received a medical exemption and the number of persons who received a religious
15 exemption.

16 (d) Repealed by Session Laws 1999-110, s. 5."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.