Florida Senate - 2005

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to immunizations; amending s.
3	400.426, F.S.; requiring assisted living
4	facilities to implement a program to offer
5	immunizations to residents against influenza
6	viruses; amending s. 1003.22, F.S.; requiring
7	each district school board and the governing
8	authority of each private school to provide
9	information concerning meningococcal disease
10	and its vaccine to parents; requiring the
11	Department of Health to adopt rules specifying
12	the age or grade level of students for whom
13	such information will be provided; requiring
14	each district school board and the governing
15	authority of each private school to determine
16	the means and method for the provision of
17	information regarding meningococcal disease to
18	parents; providing an effective date.
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20	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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22	Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section
23	400.426, Florida Statutes, to read:
24	400.426 Appropriateness of placements; examinations of
25	residents
26	(13) Between October 1, or earlier if the vaccine is
27	available, and February 1 of each year, subject to the
28	availability of an adequate supply of the necessary vaccine,
29	each assisted living facility licensed pursuant to this part
30	shall implement a program to offer immunizations against
31	<u>influenza viruses to all residents who are 65 of age or older,</u>

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1 in accordance with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States 2 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and subject to the 3 4 clinical judgment of the responsible practitioner. 5 Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 1003.22, Florida б Statutes, is amended to read: 7 1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization 8 against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of 9 Department of Health .--10 (10) Each district school board and the governing authority of each private school shall: 11 12 (a) Refuse admittance to any child otherwise entitled 13 to admittance to kindergarten, or any other initial entrance into a Florida public or private school, who is not in 14 compliance with the provisions of subsection (4). 15 16 (b) Temporarily exclude from attendance any student 17 who is not in compliance with the provisions of subsection 18 (4). (c) Provide detailed information concerning the 19 20 causes, symptoms, and transmission of meningococcal disease; 21 the risks associated with meningococcal disease; and the availability, effectiveness, and known contraindications of 22 23 any required or recommended vaccine against meningococcal disease to every student's parent, in accordance with the 2.4 recommended ages of students determined by the Department of 25 Health to be appropriate for the administration of such 26 27 vaccine. The Department of Health shall adopt rules that 2.8 specify the age or grade level of students for whom such information shall be provided, consistent with the 29 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization 30 Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and 31

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1	Prevention concerning the appropriate age for the
2	administration of the vaccine, and shall make available
3	information concerning the causes, symptoms, and transmission
4	of meningococcal disease; the risks associated with
5	meningococcal disease; and the availability, effectiveness,
6	and known contraindications of any required or recommended
7	vaccine to school districts and the governing authorities of
8	each private school. Each district school board and the
9	governing authority of each private school shall determine the
10	means and methods for the provision of such information to
11	students' parents.
12	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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15	SENATE SUMMARY
16	Requires assisted living facilities to implement a program to offer immunizations against influenza viruses
17	to residents. Requires each district school board and the
18	governing authority of each private school to provide information about meningococcal disease and its vaccine
19	to parents. Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules specifying the age or grade level of students for
20	whom such information will be provided. Requires each district school board and the governing authority of each
21	private school to determine the means and method for the provision of this information to the students' parents.
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