

By Senator Smith

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school attendance immunizations;
3 amending s. 1003.22, F.S.; revising the communicable
4 diseases for which immunization is required for school
5 attendance; providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 1003.22, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 1003.22 School-entry health examinations; immunization
12 against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of Department
13 of Health.—

14 (3) The Department of Health may adopt rules necessary to
15 administer and enforce this section. The Department of Health,
16 after consultation with the Department of Education, shall adopt
17 rules governing the immunization of children against, the
18 testing for, and the control of preventable communicable
19 diseases. The rules must include procedures for exempting a
20 child from immunization requirements. Immunizations shall be
21 required for poliomyelitis, diphtheria, rubeola, rubella,
22 pertussis, mumps, tetanus, hepatitis B, chickenpox, haemophilus
23 influenzae type b, pneumococcal disease, and other communicable
24 diseases as determined by rules of the Department of Health. The
25 manner and frequency of administration of the immunization or
26 testing shall conform to recognized standards of medical
27 practice. The Department of Health shall supervise and secure
28 the enforcement of the required immunization. Immunizations
29 required by this section shall be available at no cost from the

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30 county health departments.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.