

HB 877 -- Meningococcal Vaccinations for School-Aged Children

Sponsor: Parsons

This bill requires, by January 1, 2010, the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop information for distribution in school districts about the symptoms and severity of meningococcal disease and the availability of a vaccine to prevent it. At the beginning of the school year, school districts must provide the specified information to sixth through twelfth grade students. The bill does not require a student to be vaccinated or a school district to pay for the vaccination; however, institutions may establish additional requirements concerning meningococcal vaccination.