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## AN ACT

To repeal section 210.003, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to immunizations of children.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 210.003, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 210.003, to read as follows:

210.003. 1. No child shall be permitted to enroll in or attend any public, private or parochial day care center, preschool or nursery school caring for ten or more children unless such child has been adequately immunized against vaccine-preventable childhood illnesses specified by the department of health and senior services in accordance with recommendations of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee (ACIP). The parent or guardian of such child shall provide satisfactory evidence of the required immunizations.

2. A child who has not completed all immunizations appropriate for his age may enroll, if:

(1) Satisfactory evidence is produced that such child has begun the process of immunization. The child may continue to attend as long as the immunization process is being accomplished according to the ACIP/Missouri department of health and senior services recommended schedule; or

(2) The parent or guardian has signed and placed on file with the day care administrator a statement of exemption which may be either of the following:

(a) A medical exemption, by which a child shall be exempted from the requirements of this section upon certification by a licensed physician that such immunization would seriously endanger the child's health or life; or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (b) A parent or guardian exemption, by which a child shall be exempted from the  
19 requirements of this section if one parent or guardian files a written objection to immunization  
20 with the day care administrator. Exemptions shall be accepted by the day care administrator  
21 when the necessary information as determined by the department of health and senior services  
22 is filed with the day care administrator by the parent or guardian. Exemption forms shall be  
23 provided by the department of health and senior services.

24 3. In the event of an outbreak or suspected outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease  
25 within a particular facility, the administrator of the facility shall follow the control measures  
26 instituted by the local health authority or the department of health and senior services or both the  
27 local health authority and the department of health and senior services, as established in Rule 19  
28 CSR 20-20.040, "Measures for the Control of Communicable Diseases".

29 4. The administrator of each public, private or parochial day care center, preschool or  
30 nursery school shall cause to be prepared a record of immunization of every child enrolled in or  
31 attending a facility under his jurisdiction. An annual summary report shall be made by January  
32 fifteenth showing the immunization status of each child enrolled, using forms provided for this  
33 purpose by the department of health and senior services. The immunization records shall be  
34 available for review by department of health and senior services personnel upon request.

35 5. For purposes of this section, satisfactory evidence of immunization means a statement,  
36 certificate or record from a physician or other recognized health facility or personnel, stating that  
37 the required immunizations have been given to the child and verifying the type of vaccine and  
38 the month, day and year of administration.

39 6. Nothing in this section shall preclude any political subdivision from adopting more  
40 stringent rules regarding the immunization of preschool children.

41 **7. All public, private, and parochial day care centers, preschools, and nursery**  
42 **schools shall notify the parent or guardian of each child at the time of initial enrollment**  
43 **in or attendance at the facility that the parent or guardian may request notice of whether**  
44 **there are children currently enrolled in or attending the facility for whom an immunization**  
45 **exemption has been filed. Any public, private, or parochial day care center, preschool, or**  
46 **nursery school shall notify the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in or attending the**  
47 **facility, upon request, of whether there are children currently enrolled in or attending the**  
48 **facility for whom an immunization exemption has been filed.**

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