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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; requiring school immunization disclosures; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 135A.14, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 135A.14, is amended by adding a
1.6 subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 3a. **Disclosure required.** (a) This subdivision applies to any written
1.8 information about immunization requirements for enrollment in any postsecondary school
1.9 that: (1) is provided to a person to be immunized or enrolling or enrolled in a public
1.10 or private postsecondary educational institution or to the person's parent or guardian
1.11 if the person is under 18 years of age and not emancipated; and (2) is provided by
1.12 the Department of Health; the Department of Education; the Department of Human
1.13 Services; a health care provider; or a school. The written information must describe the
1.14 exemptions from immunizations permitted under subdivision 3. The information on
1.15 exemptions from immunizations provided according to this paragraph must be in a font
1.16 size at least equal to the font size of the immunization requirements, in the same font style
1.17 as the immunization requirements, and on the same page of the written document as
1.18 the immunization requirements.

1.19 (b) Before immunizing a person, an immunization provider must provide the
1.20 person, or the person's parent or guardian if the person is under 18 years of age and not
1.21 emancipated, with the following information in writing:

1.22 (1) a list of the immunizations required for enrollment in a school;

1.23 (2) a description of the exemptions from immunizations permitted under subdivision

1.24 3;

2.1 (3) a list of additional immunizations currently recommended by the commissioner;
2.2 and

2.3 (4) according to federal law, a copy of the vaccine information sheet from the
2.4 federal Department of Health and Human Services that lists possible adverse reactions to
2.5 the immunization to be provided.

2.6 (c) The commissioner shall continue the educational campaign to providers and
2.7 hospitals on vaccine safety including, but not limited to, information on the vaccine
2.8 adverse events reporting system (VAERS), the federal vaccine information statements
2.9 (VIS), and medical precautions and contraindications to immunizations.

2.10 (d) The commissioner shall encourage health care providers to provide the vaccine
2.11 information statements at multiple visits in anticipation of subsequent immunizations.

2.12 (e) The commissioner shall encourage health care providers to use existing screening
2.13 for immunization precautions and contraindication materials and make proper use of the
2.14 vaccine adverse events reporting system (VAERS).

2.15 (f) In consultation with groups and people identified in section 121A.15, subdivision
2.16 12, paragraph (a), clause (1), the commissioner shall continue to develop and make
2.17 available patient education materials on immunizations including, but not limited to,
2.18 contraindications and precautions regarding vaccines.

2.19 (g) The commissioner shall encourage health care providers to use thimerosal-free
2.20 vaccines when available.