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SYNOPSIS

Requires residential students at four-year institutions of higher education to receive immunization for meningitis in accordance with recommendations of Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning immunizations for meningococcal disease and
2 amending P.L.2003, c.284.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.2003, c.284 (C.18A:62-15.1) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. a. Beginning in September 2004, a new student enrolling in
10 **【a program leading to an academic degree at】** a public or private
11 institution of higher education in this State, who resides in a campus
12 dormitory, shall **【receive a】** have received immunization for
13 meningococcal 【vaccination】 disease as recommended by the
14 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for
15 Disease Control and Prevention as a condition of attendance at that
16 institution, except as provided in section 3 of **【this act】** P.L.2003,
17 c.284 (C.18A:62-15.2).

18 As used in **【this act】** P.L.2003, c.284 (C.18A:62-15.1 et seq.),
19 "institution of higher education" means a university or college that
20 provides a four-year program of instruction.

21 b. A student shall present evidence of the vaccination required
22 pursuant to subsection a. of this section to the institution in a
23 manner prescribed by the institution.

24 c. The Department of Health **【and Senior Services】** shall
25 require each public or private institution of higher education in this
26 State to offer the **【vaccination】** immunization required pursuant to
27 subsection a. of this section to its students through the institution's
28 student health services program or through a contractual agreement
29 with a community health care provider.

30 d. The Commissioner of Health **【and Senior Services】** shall
31 adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the "Administrative
32 Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to carry out
33 the purposes of subsections a., b. and c. of this section and section 3
34 of this act.

35 e. Nothing in **【this act】** P.L.2003, c.284 (C.18A:62-15.1 et
36 seq.) shall be construed to require a student who does not reside in a
37 campus dormitory to receive **【a】** immunization for meningococcal
38 **【vaccination】** disease.

39 (cf: P.L.2003, c.284, s.2)

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41 2. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
42 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
43 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to carry out the purposes of
44 this act.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 3. This act shall take effect on September 1 next following the
2 date of enactment, except that the Commissioner of Health may
3 take administrative action in advance as necessary to effectuate the
4 bill.

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7 STATEMENT
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9 This bill would revise the requirement for residential students in
10 four-year institutions of higher education to receive immunization
11 against meningococcal disease so that immunizations would follow
12 the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization
13 Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

14 Recent outbreaks of serogroup B meningococcal disease have
15 occurred at Princeton University and Rutgers University. The
16 introduction of new meningitis B vaccines and revised
17 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization
18 Practices will help address potential future outbreaks and increase
19 immunizations rate among New Jersey students attending four-year
20 institutions of higher education.