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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT requiring childhood immunizations for hepatitis B and
2 supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall require
8 the immunization of a child for hepatitis B as a condition of attendance
9 at a public or private school, licensed child care center, nursery school,
10 preschool or kindergarten in this State under regulations set forth at
11 N.J.A.C.8:57-4.1 et seq. which stipulate the requirements for
12 childhood immunizations as established by the commissioner. The
13 provisions of these regulations governing the applicability of
14 immunization requirements, proof of immunization, medical and
15 religious exemptions, provisional admission to a school, preschool or
16 child care center, documents accepted as evidence of immunization,
17 records required and available for inspection and reports to be
18 furnished to the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the
19 provision of necessary equipment, materials and services for
20 immunizing children at public expense by a board of education or a
21 local board of health, shall apply to immunizations for hepatitis B.

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23 2. Beginning with the ¹[1997-98] 1998-99¹ school year, a
24 principal, director or other person in charge of a public or private
25 school, licensed child care center, nursery school, preschool or
26 kindergarten in this State shall not knowingly admit or retain a child
27 whose parent or guardian has not submitted acceptable evidence of the
28 child's immunization for hepatitis B as provided by regulation of the
29 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Assembly floor amendments adopted June 5, 1997.

1 3. A child born on or after the effective date of this act, unless
2 medically contraindicated, shall receive three doses of a live hepatitis
3 B vaccine, or a vaccine combination containing live hepatitis B
4 vaccine, administered as follows:

5 (1) the first dose recommended at birth but no later than two
6 months of age;

7 (2) the second dose at two months of age if the first dose has been
8 administered between birth and one month of age, but no earlier than
9 one month after the first dose; and

10 (3) the third dose no earlier than two months after the second dose
11 and four months after the first dose, but no earlier than six months of
12 age.

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14 4. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, pursuant to
15 the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
16 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of
17 this act.

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19 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 Requires hepatitis B immunization for admission to a public or private
school, preschool or child care center.