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LEGISLATIVE BILL 448

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to vaccinations; to require the Department of
- 2 Health and Human Services to establish a pilot program as
- 3 prescribed; and to provide for rules and regulations.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) To help increase immunization rates of
2 children in Nebraska and implement the recommendation of the
3 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices that all children ages
4 six months to eighteen years be vaccinated against the influenza
5 virus, the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish
6 a School-Based Influenza Vaccination Pilot Project.

7 (2) The School-Based Influenza Vaccination Pilot Project
8 shall be established in school districts on a voluntary basis.
9 The vaccinations shall be administered with the consent of
10 participating students' parents or legal guardians.

11 (3) Funding for the School-Based Influenza Vaccination
12 Pilot Project shall be through the federal Vaccines for Children
13 Program, federal and state resources for influenza vaccine, and
14 any appropriations, grants, donations, or reimbursement from any
15 public or private source. In implementing the pilot project, the
16 department shall maximize the use of influenza vaccine available
17 through the federal Vaccines for Children Program for eligible
18 children.

19 (4) The School-Based Influenza Vaccination Pilot Project
20 shall begin in school year 2009-10 and shall continue for
21 two years. The department shall submit a report evaluating the
22 pilot project to the Health and Human Services Committee of the
23 Legislature on or before October 31, 2011. The report shall include
24 the following:

25 (a) An assessment of the benefits of establishing

1 school-based influenza vaccination programs;

2 (b) Identification of the barriers to implementing
3 school-based influenza vaccination programs and recommended
4 strategies for removing such barriers; and

5 (c) An examination of the fiscal impact to the state of
6 school-based influenza vaccination programs.

7 Sec. 2. The Department of Health and Human Services may
8 adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out section 1
9 of this act.