



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 464**

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**Chairperson:** Greg Adams  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 2, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 464 requires any child who enters the 7<sup>th</sup> grade to get a booster to protect them from diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. This booster is meant to protect adolescents and adults from tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis. Tetanus is also known as lockjaw, diphtheria is a respiratory infection, and pertussis is also known as whooping cough. The timing of this booster coincides with the requirement for children to get a physical prior to entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

As with current immunization requirements, this requirement could be waived for religious and medical reasons.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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