

AMENDMENTS TO LB18

Introduced by Groene, 42.

1 1. On page 2, lines 19 through 26, strike the new matter and
2 reinstate the stricken matter; and after line 30 insert the following new
3 subsection:

4 "(4)(a) Beginning July 1, 2016, each public and private high school
5 in Nebraska shall provide to each incoming first-year student and to any
6 student transferring from a high school located in another state, and to
7 the student's parent or legal guardian, the following information
8 concerning meningococcal disease:

9 (i) Meningococcal disease is a serious disease;

10 (ii) Meningococcal disease is a contagious, but a largely
11 preventable, infection of the spinal cord fluid and the fluid that
12 surrounds the brain; and

13 (iii) Immunization against meningococcal disease decreases the risk
14 of contracting the disease.

15 (b) In addition to the information required in subdivision (4)(a) of
16 this section, each public and private high school in Nebraska shall
17 provide to each incoming first-year student and to any student
18 transferring from a high school located in another state, and to the
19 student's parent or legal guardian, web site addresses, telephone
20 numbers, or other information to assist the student or the student's
21 parent or legal guardian in identifying a location where the student may
22 receive an immunization against meningococcal disease.

23 (c) The information required by subdivision (4)(a) of this section
24 may be provided exactly as written in such subdivision or through similar
25 language that reasonably meets the intent of such subdivision and is
26 based upon established and scientifically recognized medical or
27 epidemiological data.

1 (d) Beginning July 1, 2016, each public and private high school in
2 Nebraska shall require each incoming first-year student and each student
3 transferring from a high school located in another state who has not
4 received the vaccination against meningococcal disease, and the student's
5 parent or legal guardian, to check a box on a document provided by the
6 high school indicating that the student and the parent or legal guardian
7 have reviewed the information provided pursuant to subdivision (4)(a) and
8 (b) of this section and have decided that the student will not obtain a
9 vaccination against meningococcal disease.

10 (e) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to:

11 (i) Require a student to obtain the vaccination against
12 meningococcal disease; or

13 (ii) Require a high school to provide or pay for the vaccination of
14 a student.

15 (f) A public or private high school in Nebraska that has made a
16 reasonable effort to comply with this subsection shall not be liable for
17 damages for injuries sustained by a student as a result of contracting
18 meningococcal disease if the student's claim is based solely upon the
19 provision of the information required by this subsection."