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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a child immunization reporting system for all
2 minor children in the state and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 139A.8A CHILD IMMUNIZATION
2 REPORTING SYSTEM.

3 1. A child immunization reporting system is established in
4 the department to collect, store, analyze, release, and report
5 immunization data of minor children residing in the state.

6 2. Beginning on January 1, 2003, a health care provider,
7 local board or local department, or any other entity that
8 provides immunizations to minor children residing in the
9 state, shall report the following information to the
10 department:

11 a. The name, business address, and business telephone
12 number of the health care provider, local board or local
13 department, or other entity.

14 b. The name, address, social security number if known,
15 gender, date of birth, and mother's maiden name of the child
16 immunized.

17 c. The type of vaccine administered and the date it was
18 administered or that a minor child did not receive
19 immunizations recommended by the department pursuant to
20 section 139A.8 and the reason that the minor child was not
21 immunized.

22 3. The health care provider, local board or local
23 department, or other entity that provides immunizations to
24 minor children residing in the state shall submit the
25 information required to be reported under subsection 2 to the
26 department on a monthly basis. The department shall adopt
27 rules pursuant to chapter 17A relating to the reporting of the
28 information.

29 4. The department shall release identifying information
30 regarding a child only to the child's health care provider,
31 local board or department, or other entity that provided the
32 immunization to the minor child, the minor child's parent or
33 guardian, or a school official or licensed child care center
34 who is authorized by law to receive and record immunization
35 records. The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter

1 17A allowing release of immunization information to other
2 persons for a specified purpose. The department may release
3 nonidentifying summary statistics relating to the immunization
4 of minor children in the state to other persons upon request
5 or as otherwise provided by rule.

6 5. Information reported to the department that identifies
7 a minor child is confidential except as provided in subsection
8 4 and in section 139A.8. A person who is authorized to
9 receive such confidential information shall not disclose this
10 information to any other person.

11 6. A health care provider, local board or department, or
12 other entity that provides immunizations, that provides
13 information in good faith pursuant to this section is not
14 subject to civil or criminal liability.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill establishes a child immunization reporting system
17 in the Iowa department of public health to collect, store,
18 analyze, release, and report immunization data concerning all
19 minor children in the state. Currently, immunization and
20 reporting requirements only apply to the immunization of
21 children in certain day care facilities and who are school-
22 aged.

23 Beginning on January 1, 2003, all health care providers,
24 local boards or departments of health, or other entities that
25 administer immunizations to minor children in the state are
26 required to make monthly reports to the Iowa department of
27 public health identifying minor children who were immunized
28 including what vaccine was administered or that a minor child
29 did not receive recommended immunizations and the reason.

30 The bill provides that the department shall only release
31 information that identifies a minor child to providers of
32 immunizations, a minor child's parent or guardian, or to a
33 school official or licensed child care center otherwise
34 authorized to receive immunization information. Otherwise,
35 such information is confidential although the department may,

1 by rule, allow release of information to other persons for
2 specified purposes and may release nonidentifying summaries of
3 data.

4 A person who knowingly violates the provisions of the bill
5 is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. A simple misdemeanor is
6 punishable by confinement for no more than 30 days, or a fine
7 of at least \$50 but not more than \$500, or by both. A health
8 care provider who repeatedly fails to file a report required
9 by this bill is subject to being reported to the licensing
10 board governing the professional activities of the individual.

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