

**House File 34 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the provision of information relating to  
2 immunization exemptions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 139A.8, subsection 4, Code 2025, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Information regarding exemptions and the  
4 requirements for an exemption under this subsection shall be  
5 included in any public communication following the recommendation  
6 of an immunization by the department pursuant to subsection 2,  
7 shall be included in any communication regarding immunizations  
8 to a parent or legal guardian from a school, and shall be  
9 published on the internet sites of and included in registration  
10 documentation for all elementary schools, secondary schools, and  
11 licensed child care centers.

12 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **237A.3C Immunization information.**

13 Each child care center, child care facility, child care home,  
14 and child development home shall include information regarding  
15 the exemptions and requirements for an exemption described in  
16 section 139A.8, subsection 4, in any communication to the parent  
17 or guardian of a child that is related to the immunizations  
18 required under section 139A.8.

19 Sec. 3. Section 256.7, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
20 following new subsection:

21 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. Adopt rules under chapter 17A that  
22 require school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter  
23 schools, and innovation zone schools to include information  
24 regarding the exemptions and requirements for an exemption  
25 described in section 139A.8, subsection 4, in any communication  
26 to the parent or guardian of a student that is related to the  
27 immunizations required under section 139A.8.

28 Sec. 4. Section 256.183, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph  
29 1, Code 2025, is amended to read as follows:

30 "*Accredited private institution*" means an institution of  
31 higher learning located in Iowa which is operated privately  
32 and not controlled or administered by any state agency or  
33 any subdivision of the state and which meets the criteria in  
34 paragraphs "a" and "b" and all of the criteria in paragraphs "d"  
35 through "j" "k", except that institutions defined in paragraph

1 "c" of this subsection are exempt from the requirements of  
2 paragraphs "a" and "b":

3 Sec. 5. Section 256.183, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended  
4 by adding the following new paragraph:

5 NEW PARAGRAPH. k. Adopts a policy that requires the  
6 institution to include in any communication to students that  
7 is related to immunization requirements information regarding  
8 exemptions to such requirements.

9 Sec. 6. Section 256.183, subsection 3, Code 2025, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 3. "*Eligible institution*" means an institution of higher  
12 learning located in Iowa which is operated privately and not  
13 controlled or administered by any state agency or any subdivision  
14 of the state, which is not exempt from taxation under section  
15 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and which meets all of  
16 the criteria in subsection 1, paragraphs "d" through "j" "k",  
17 and is a school of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences  
18 licensed under chapter 157 and is accredited by a national  
19 accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of  
20 education. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, such  
21 a school of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences shall  
22 provide a matching aggregate amount of institutional financial  
23 aid equal to at least seventy-five percent of the amount received  
24 by the institution's students for Iowa tuition grant assistance  
25 under section 256.191. For the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
26 2018, the school of barbering and cosmetology arts and sciences  
27 shall provide a matching aggregate amount of institutional  
28 financial aid equal to at least eighty-five percent of the amount  
29 received in that fiscal year. Commencing with the fiscal year  
30 beginning July 1, 2019, and each succeeding fiscal year, the  
31 matching aggregate amount of institutional financial aid shall  
32 be at least equal to the match provided by eligible institutions  
33 under section 261.9, subsection 3, paragraph "a", Code 2023.

34 Sec. 7. Section 260C.14, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
35 following new subsection:

1 NEW SUBSECTION. 26. Adopt rules that require the community  
2 college to include in any communication to students that  
3 is related to immunization requirements information regarding  
4 exemptions to such requirements.

5 Sec. 8. Section 262.9, Code 2025, is amended by adding the  
6 following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Direct the institutions of higher  
8 education under its control to adopt a policy that requires the  
9 institution to include in any communication to students that  
10 is related to immunization requirements information regarding  
11 exemptions to such requirements.

12 Sec. 9. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance with  
13 section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
14 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
15 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
16 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
17 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
18 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of section  
19 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall  
20 be necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and  
21 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill relates to the provision of information relating to  
26 immunization exemptions.

27 The bill amends Code section 139A.8 (immunization of children)  
28 to require that information regarding exemptions and the  
29 requirements for an exemption shall be included in any public  
30 communication following the recommendation of an immunization by  
31 the department of health and human services, shall be included  
32 in any communication regarding immunizations to a parent or  
33 legal guardian from a school, and shall be published on the  
34 internet sites of and included in registration documentation for  
35 all elementary schools, secondary schools, and licensed child

1 care centers. The bill also requires child care centers, child  
2 care facilities, child care homes, and child development homes,  
3 as such terms are defined in Code chapter 237A (child care  
4 facilities), to include such information in communications to  
5 parents or guardians.

6 The bill requires the state board of education to adopt rules  
7 requiring school districts, accredited nonpublic schools, charter  
8 schools, and innovation zone schools to include information  
9 regarding the exemptions and requirements for an exemption in  
10 any communication to the parent or guardian of a student that is  
11 related to required immunizations.

12 The bill requires community colleges and institutions of  
13 higher learning under the control of the state board of regents  
14 to adopt a policy that requires the community college or  
15 institution to include in any communication to students that  
16 is related to immunization requirements information regarding  
17 exemptions to such requirements. In addition, the bill requires  
18 accredited private institutions and eligible institutions, as  
19 each is defined in Code section 256.183 (Iowa tuition grants  
20 program), as a condition of participation in the Iowa tuition  
21 grants program, to adopt a similar policy.

22 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
23 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of  
24 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
25 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
26 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
27 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state  
28 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The  
29 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the  
30 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state  
31 mandates included in the bill.