

**House Study Bill 605 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON HARRIS)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to requirements for immunization exemption  
2 notifications by public health agencies.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 139A.2, Code 2026, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 19A. "Public health agency" means the same  
4 as defined in section 135D.2.

5 Sec. 2. Section 139A.8, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code 2026,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 c. Information regarding exemptions and the requirements for  
8 an exemption under this subsection shall be included in any  
9 public communication ~~following the~~ by the department relating  
10 to a recommendation of an immunization by the department  
11 issued pursuant to subsection 2, shall be included and in  
12 any communication regarding immunizations to a parent or legal  
13 guardian from a school, and immunization requirements under this  
14 section prepared or disseminated by a school or public health  
15 agency. The information shall be published on the as follows:

16 (1) On the internet sites of and included in all elementary  
17 schools, secondary schools, licensed child care centers, and  
18 public health agencies.

19 (2) In registration documentation for all elementary schools,  
20 secondary schools, and licensed child care centers.

21 EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill relates to notification to the public by public  
25 health agencies (agencies) of medical and religious exemptions  
26 (exemptions) available for certain immunization requirements.

27 Current law requires information regarding exemptions to  
28 immunization requirements for children enrolled in any licensed  
29 child care center (center), or elementary or secondary school  
30 (school), to be included in any public communication following an  
31 immunization recommendation by the department of health and human  
32 services (HHS). This information is also required to be included  
33 in any communication from a child's school to the child's parent  
34 or legal guardian regarding immunizations, and to be published on  
35 the internet site of and included in registration documentation

1 for all schools and licensed centers.

2 The bill requires that information on exemptions be  
3 included in any communication related to a recommendation of  
4 an immunization issued by HHS. The bill also requires that  
5 information on exemptions be included in any communication  
6 disseminated or prepared by a school or agency relating to  
7 immunization requirements for enrollment of a child in any  
8 licensed center or school. The bill requires agencies to publish  
9 information on immunization exemptions to their internet sites.

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