

**House File 2347 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 605)

**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:

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  
6 2026, is amended to read as follows:

7 c. Information regarding exemptions and the requirements  
8 for 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 any  
12 communication regarding ~~immunizations to a parent or legal~~  
13 ~~guardian from a school, and~~ immunization requirements under  
14 this section prepared or disseminated by a school or public  
15 health agency. The information shall be published on the as  
16 follows:

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

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

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 notification to the public by public  
26 health agencies (agencies) of medical and religious exemptions  
27 (exemptions) available for certain immunization requirements.

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

1 and to be published on the internet site of and included  
2 in registration documentation for all schools and licensed  
3 centers.

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