

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 11, 2017

Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to admission of certain unvaccinated students to public schools

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3201-b to read as follows:

§ 3201-b. Education of unvaccinated students. 1. Notwithstanding any general, special, local law or rule or regulation to the contrary, no public school district shall deny admission to any person over the compulsory attendance age, or any minor eligible to attend kindergarten or pre-kindergarten, whose parent, parents, or guardian have filed a religious beliefs exemption form, as defined in subdivision two of this section, with such public school district.

2. Religious beliefs exemption form. Any parent, parents, or guardian requesting an exemption from the vaccination requirements prescribed by section twenty-one hundred sixty-four of the public health law based upon his, her or their genuine and sincere religious beliefs that are contrary to the practices prescribed by such section of the public health law shall complete the following religious beliefs exemption form:

RELIGIOUS BELIEFS VACCINATION EXEMPTION FORM

(a) Name(s) of parent, parents or guardian: _____

(b) Name of child: _____

(c) Child's birthdate: _____

(d) Child's social security number: _____

I/we _____, as the parent, parents, or guardian of the above-named child, request a religious beliefs exemption from the vaccination requirements of Public Health Law section 2164 for such child

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 because I/we hold a genuine and sincere religious belief that is contra-
2 ry to such vaccination practices.

3 _____
4 (Signature of parent or guardian) (Date)

5 _____

6 (Signature of parent) (Date)

7 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
8 have become a law.