

# STATE OF NEW YORK

6141

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:

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

3 § 3201-b. Education of unvaccinated students. 1. Notwithstanding any  
4 general, special, local law or rule or regulation to the contrary, no  
5 public school district shall deny admission to any person over the  
6 compulsory attendance age, or any minor eligible to attend kindergarten  
7 or pre-kindergarten, whose parent, parents, or guardian have filed a  
8 religious beliefs exemption form, as defined in subdivision two of this  
9 section, with such public school district.

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

17 RELIGIOUS BELIEFS VACCINATION EXEMPTION FORM

18 (a) Name(s) of parent, parents or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

19 (b) Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

20 (c) Child's birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

21 (d) Child's social security number: \_\_\_\_\_

22 I/we \_\_\_\_\_, as the parent, parents, or guardian of the  
23 above-named child, request a religious beliefs exemption from the vacci-  
24 nation 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.