

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

May 11, 2017

Introduced by Sens. GOLDEN, LATIMER, AVELLA, MURPHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 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 described in subdivision two of this section, with such public school. For purposes of this section, the term "public school" shall mean a school described in section one of article eleven of the New York state constitution, including charter schools.

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 and file it with the child's public school:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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1 I/we , as the parent, parents, or guardian of the  
2 above-named child, request a religious beliefs exemption from the vacci-  
3 nation requirements of Public Health Law section 2164 for such child  
4 because I/we hold a genuine and sincere religious belief that is contra-  
5 ry to such vaccination practices.

6 \_\_\_\_\_  
7 (Signature of parent or guardian) (Date)

8 \_\_\_\_\_  
9 (Signature of parent) (Date)

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