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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ, TAYLOR -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to mandatory influenza vaccine for persons attending daycare

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

1 Section 1. Section 2164 of the public health law, as amended by chap-
2 ter 401 of the laws of 2015, subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 35 of
3 the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 2164. Definitions; immunization against poliomyelitis, mumps,
5 measles, diphtheria, rubella, varicella, Haemophilus influenzae type b
6 (Hib), pertussis, tetanus, pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease,
7 influenza virus, and hepatitis B. 1. As used in this section, unless the
8 context requires otherwise:

9 a. The term "school" means and includes any public, private or paro-
10 chial child caring center, day nursery, day care agency, nursery school,
11 kindergarten, elementary, intermediate or secondary school.

12 b. The term "child" shall mean and include any person between the ages
13 of two months and eighteen years.

14 c. The term "person in parental relation to a child" shall mean and
15 include his father or mother, by birth or adoption, his legally
16 appointed guardian, or his custodian. A person shall be regarded as the
17 custodian of a child if he has assumed the charge and care of the child
18 because the parents or legally appointed guardian of the minor have
19 died, are imprisoned, are mentally ill, or have been committed to an
20 institution, or because they have abandoned or deserted such child or
21 are living outside the state or their whereabouts are unknown, or have
22 designated the person pursuant to title fifteen-A of article five of the
23 general obligations law as a person in parental relation to the child.

24 d. The term "health practitioner" shall mean any person authorized by
25 law to administer an immunization.

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

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1 2. a. Every person in parental relation to a child in this state shall
2 have administered to such child an adequate dose or doses of an immuniz-
3 ing agent against poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, diphtheria, rubella,
4 varicella, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), pertussis, tetanus,
5 pneumococcal disease, and hepatitis B, which meets the standards
6 approved by the United States public health service for such biological
7 products, and which is approved by the department under such conditions
8 as may be specified by the public health council.

9 b. Every person in parental relation to a child in this state born on
10 or after January first, nineteen hundred ninety-four and entering sixth
11 grade or a comparable age level special education program with an unas-
12 signed grade on or after September first, two thousand seven, shall have
13 administered to such child a booster immunization containing diphtheria
14 and tetanus toxoids, and an acellular pertussis vaccine, which meets the
15 standards approved by the United States public health service for such
16 biological products, and which is approved by the department under such
17 conditions as may be specified by the public health council.

18 c. Every person in parental relation to a child in this state entering
19 or having entered seventh grade and twelfth grade or a comparable age
20 level special education program with an unassigned grade on or after
21 September first, two thousand sixteen, shall have administered to such
22 child an adequate dose or doses of immunizing agents against meningococ-
23 cal disease as recommended by the advisory committee on immunization
24 practices of the centers for disease control and prevention, which meets
25 the standards approved by the United States public health service for
26 such biological products, and which is approved by the department under
27 such conditions as may be specified by the public health and planning
28 council.

29 d. Every person in parental relation to a child in this state entering
30 or having entered a licensed and registered child daycare home, program
31 or facility shall have administered to such child an adequate dose or
32 doses of immunizing agents against influenza virus as recommended by the
33 advisory committee on immunization practices of the centers for disease
34 control and prevention, which meets the standards approved by the United
35 States public health service for such biological products, and which is
36 approved by the department under such conditions as may be specified by
37 the public health and planning council.

38 3. The person in parental relation to any such child who has not
39 previously received such immunization shall present the child to a
40 health practitioner and request such health practitioner to administer
41 the necessary immunization against poliomyelitis, mumps, measles,
42 diphtheria, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), rubella, varicella,
43 pertussis, tetanus, pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease, infl-
44 enza virus, and hepatitis B as provided in subdivision two of this
45 section.

46 4. If any person in parental relation to such child is unable to pay
47 for the services of a private health practitioner, such person shall
48 present such child to the health officer of the county in which the
49 child resides, who shall then administer the immunizing agent without
50 charge.

51 5. The health practitioner who administers such immunizing agent
52 against poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, diphtheria, Haemophilus influen-
53 zae type b (Hib), rubella, varicella, pertussis, tetanus, pneumococcal
54 disease, meningococcal disease, influenza virus, and hepatitis B to any
55 such child shall give a certificate of such immunization to the person
56 in parental relation to such child.

1 6. In the event that a person in parental relation to a child makes
2 application for admission of such child to a school or has a child
3 attending school and there exists no certificate or other acceptable
4 evidence of the child's immunization against poliomyelitis, mumps,
5 measles, diphtheria, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B, pertussis, teta-
6 nus, and, where applicable, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), menin-
7 gococcal disease, influenza virus, and pneumococcal disease, the princi-
8 pal, teacher, owner or person in charge of the school shall inform such
9 person of the necessity to have the child immunized, that such immuniza-
10 tion may be administered by any health practitioner, or that the child
11 may be immunized without charge by the health officer in the county
12 where the child resides, if such person executes a consent therefor. In
13 the event that such person does not wish to select a health practitioner
14 to administer the immunization, he or she shall be provided with a form
15 which shall give notice that as a prerequisite to processing the appli-
16 cation for admission to, or for continued attendance at, the school such
17 person shall state a valid reason for withholding consent or consent
18 shall be given for immunization to be administered by a health officer
19 in the public employ, or by a school physician or nurse. The form shall
20 provide for the execution of a consent by such person and it shall also
21 state that such person need not execute such consent if subdivision
22 eight of this section applies to such child.

23 7. (a) No principal, teacher, owner or person in charge of a school
24 shall permit any child to be admitted to such school, or to attend such
25 school, in excess of fourteen days, without the certificate provided for
26 in subdivision five of this section or some other acceptable evidence of
27 the child's immunization against poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, diphthe-
28 ria, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B, pertussis, tetanus, and, where
29 applicable, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), meningococcal disease,
30 influenza virus, and pneumococcal disease; provided, however, such four-
31 teen day period may be extended to not more than thirty days for an
32 individual student by the appropriate principal, teacher, owner or other
33 person in charge where such student is transferring from out-of-state or
34 from another country and can show a good faith effort to get the neces-
35 sary certification or other evidence of immunization.

36 (b) A parent, a guardian or any other person in parental relationship
37 to a child denied school entrance or attendance may appeal by petition
38 to the commissioner of education in accordance with the provisions of
39 section three hundred ten of the education law.

40 8. If any physician licensed to practice medicine in this state certi-
41 fies that such immunization may be detrimental to a child's health, the
42 requirements of this section shall be inapplicable until such immuniza-
43 tion is found no longer to be detrimental to the child's health.

44 8-a. Whenever a child has been refused admission to, or continued
45 attendance at, a school as provided for in subdivision seven of this
46 section because there exists no certificate provided for in subdivision
47 five of this section or other acceptable evidence of the child's immuni-
48 zation against poliomyelitis, mumps, measles, diphtheria, rubella, vari-
49 cella, hepatitis B, pertussis, tetanus, and, where applicable, Haemophi-
50 lus influenzae type b (Hib), meningococcal disease, influenza virus, and
51 pneumococcal disease, the principal, teacher, owner or person in charge
52 of the school shall:

53 a. forward a report of such exclusion and the name and address of such
54 child to the local health authority and to the person in parental
55 relation to the child together with a notification of the responsibility

1 of such person under subdivision two of this section and a form of
2 consent as prescribed by regulation of the commissioner, and
3 b. provide, with the cooperation of the appropriate local health
4 authority, for a time and place at which an immunizing agent or agents
5 shall be administered, as required by subdivision two of this section,
6 to a child for whom a consent has been obtained. Upon failure of a local
7 health authority to cooperate in arranging for a time and place at which
8 an immunizing agent or agents shall be administered as required by
9 subdivision two of this section, the commissioner shall arrange for such
10 administration and may recover the cost thereof from the amount of state
11 aid to which the local health authority would otherwise be entitled.
12 10. The commissioner may adopt and amend rules and regulations to
13 effectuate the provisions and purposes of this section.
14 11. Every school shall annually provide the commissioner, on forms
15 provided by the commissioner, a summary regarding compliance with the
16 provisions of this section.
17 § 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
18 law.