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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1786

By: Representative Boyd

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR *PUBLIC AND PRIVATE* SCHOOL STUDENTS; TO REQUIRE A *PUBLIC OR PRIVATE*: SCHOOL TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A REPORT THAT PROVIDES CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF *STUDENTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL WHO* HAVE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN *VACCINATIONS AND THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL WHO* HAVE *NEITHER PROVIDED PROOF OF VACCINATION NOR OBTAINED AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN VACCINATIONS*; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXEMPTIONS FROM OR HAVE NOT PROVIDED PROOF OF REQUIRED VACCINATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Forty-six (46) states throughout the United States allow exemptions based on religious or philosophical beliefs to vaccination requirements for public and private school students;

(2) Continued allowance for exemptions to vaccination



requirements for public and private school students creates the opportunity for outbreaks of a number of preventable diseases, which poses a nationwide health crisis; and

(3) Reasonable steps should be taken in order to fully inform parents and legal guardians of public and private school students regarding the number and percentage of students within a public or private school who have been granted exemptions from or have failed to fulfill the requirement to obtain certain vaccinations in order to attend public or private school in Arkansas.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-702(b), concerning the responsibility of public schools to enforce provisions of the law with respect to required immunizations of public school students, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3)(A) A public or private school shall create and maintain a report that provides information regarding the:

(i) Number of students within the public or private school who have been granted from the Department of Health under subsection (d) of this section an exemption from the requirement to obtain one (1) or more vaccinations as required under this section; and

(ii) Percentage of students within the public or private school who have been granted from the Department of Health under subsection (d) of this section an exemption from the requirement to obtain one (1) or more vaccinations as required under this section.

(B) The report required under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section shall:

(i) Be updated by December 1 of each year;

(ii) Be posted and available to the public online;

(iii) Include the number of students within the public or private school who have:

(a) Failed to provide to the public or private school proof of the vaccinations required under this section; and

(b) Not obtained an exemption from the Department of Health under this section; and

(iv) Include the percentage of students within the public or private school who have:

(a) Failed to provide to the public or private school proof of the vaccinations required under this section; and

(b) Not obtained an exemption from the Department of Health under this section.

/s/Boyd

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