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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE MODERNIZATION OF THE SCHOOL ENTRY**
102 **IMMUNIZATION PROCESS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill codifies a definition of "nonmedical exemption" to mean an immunization exemption based upon a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations or a personal belief that is opposed to immunizations.

Under current law, each student must submit to a school, as

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defined in section 25-4-901, either a certificate of immunization, a certificate of medical exemption, or a statement of nonmedical exemption for an immunization for a religious or personal belief. The bill requires the department of public health and environment (department) to develop standardized forms and a submission process for persons who want to claim a nonmedical exemption for an immunization for a religious or personal belief. A person who wants to claim a nonmedical exemption for an immunization for a religious or personal belief can do so by submitting to the school either:

! A certificate of completion of the online education module;
or

! A certificate of nonmedical exemption.

The bill requires the department to annually evaluate the state's immunization practices, including an examination of best practices and guidelines recommended by the advisory committee on immunization practices. The state board of health may update the state's immunization practices pursuant to the annual evaluation.

The bill creates a vaccine-protected children standard, whereby the immunization rate goal for every school is 95% of the student population to be vaccinated. The bill requires the department to amend an immunization document it currently publishes annually to include information about the vaccine-protected children standard. Every school shall publish its immunization rate and exemption rate on the document and annually distribute it to the parents, legal guardians, and students of the school.

The bill requires, as applicable, a practitioner who is a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, or person authorized pursuant to title 12 to administer immunizations within their scope of practice to students and to submit immunization, medical, or nonmedical exemption data to the immunization tracking system. The practitioner is not subject to a regulatory sanction for noncompliance.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Immunizations save lives and money. Each year in the United
5 States, immunizations save 33,000 lives, prevent 14 million disease cases,
6 and save \$9.9 billion in direct health care costs.

7 (b) In 2017, more than 9,000 Colorado children, a majority of

1 them young children, were hospitalized or went to an emergency
2 department to be treated for a vaccine-preventable disease, resulting in
3 \$55.5 million in charges;

4 (c) In 2016, the cost to investigate and prevent the spread of
5 disease from just two Colorado measles cases exceeded \$68,000 in public
6 funding;

7 (d) In 1777, George Washington, as the commander in chief of the
8 Continental Army, determined that his troops would be inoculated against
9 smallpox. Smallpox significantly affected troops who fought for the
10 British. George Washington's decision to inoculate the Continental Army
11 contributed to America's independence from the British.

12 (e) During the Spanish-American War, more American soldiers
13 died from yellow fever, malaria, and other diseases than from combat.
14 The U.S. Army created the Yellow Fever Commission, which was led by
15 Major Walter Reed, a surgeon. The commission's work eventually helped
16 contribute to the development of the 17D vaccine against yellow fever,
17 a vaccine that is still used today.

18 (f) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identified
19 vaccinations as one of the 10 great public health achievements of the
20 twentieth century. Since 1900, the average lifespan of people in the
21 United States has lengthened by more than 30 years. Twenty-five years
22 of this gain are attributable to public health advances, including the
23 eradication of smallpox; the elimination of poliomyelitis in the Americas;
24 and the control of measles, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, Haemophilus
25 influenzae type b, and other infectious diseases in the United States and
26 other parts of the world.

27 (g) Evidence shows that state immunization requirements for

1 schools, including child care facilities, are important tools for maintaining
2 high immunization coverage rates to prevent dangerous, costly, and
3 sometimes deadly diseases;

4 (h) Evidence shows that states with lenient exemption policies,
5 such as Colorado, experience higher rates of vaccine-preventable
6 diseases;

7 (i) Compared to other states, Colorado has one of the highest
8 exemption rates for nonmedical reasons;

9 (j) In 2018, Colorado ranked last among 49 states that reported
10 kindergarten measles, mumps, and rubella vaccination rates;

11 (k) During the 2018-19 school year, 28,874 kindergarten through
12 twelfth grade students attended Colorado schools without protection from
13 one or more vaccine-preventable diseases;

14 (l) Statewide, nearly 25,000 students would potentially be
15 excluded from school for up to 21 days in the case of a measles outbreak
16 because they have a nonmedical exemption filed for the measles, mumps,
17 and rubella vaccine;

18 (m) Because diseases such as measles can spread rapidly, 95%
19 immunization coverage in schools helps to protect the health of students,
20 staff, and others in the community, including people who cannot be
21 vaccinated for medical reasons or because they are too young to have
22 received all recommended vaccines; and

23 (n) Accurate and up-to-date documentation of immunization status
24 supports coordinated and effective public health disease control response
25 efforts in the case of an outbreak, which help protect the overall health of
26 a community.

27 (2) Therefore, the general assembly declares that all children

1 deserve to attend schools, including child care facilities, that provide them
2 with the greatest protection from vaccine-preventable diseases, support
3 their well-being, honor their personal circumstances, and build strong
4 foundations for learning and thriving.

5 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-901, **add** (1.7)
6 as follows:

7 **25-4-901. Definitions.** As used in this part 9, unless the context
8 otherwise requires:

9 (1.7) "NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION" MEANS AN IMMUNIZATION
10 EXEMPTION BASED UPON A RELIGIOUS BELIEF WHOSE TEACHINGS ARE
11 OPPOSED TO IMMUNIZATIONS OR A PERSONAL BELIEF THAT IS OPPOSED TO
12 IMMUNIZATIONS.

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-902, **amend** (1)
14 and (4); and **add** (1.5) as follows:

15 **25-4-902. Immunization prior to attending school -**
16 **standardized immunization information.** (1) ~~Except as provided in~~
17 ~~section 25-4-903~~; A student shall not attend any school in the state of
18 Colorado on or after the dates specified in section 25-4-906 (4) unless he
19 or she has presented ONE OF the following to the appropriate school
20 official:

21 (a) An up-to-date certificate of immunization from a licensed
22 physician, ~~a licensed~~ PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO
23 SECTION 12-240-107 (6), advanced practice nurse, or authorized
24 representative of the department of public health and environment or
25 ~~county, district, or municipal~~ A LOCAL public health agency stating that
26 the student has received immunization against communicable diseases as
27 specified by the state board of health, based on recommendations of the

1 advisory committee on immunization practices of THE CENTERS FOR
2 DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION IN the ~~United States~~ FEDERAL
3 department of health and human services; or ~~the American academy of~~
4 ~~pediatrics~~; or

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6 (b) A written authorization signed by one parent or LEGAL
7 guardian, ~~or an authorization signed by the AN~~ emancipated student, OR
8 A STUDENT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER requesting that local
9 PUBLIC health officials administer the immunizations; OR

10 (c) A CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXEMPTION, OR A CERTIFICATE
11 OF COMPLETION OF THE ONLINE EDUCATION MODULE OR A CERTIFICATE OF
12 NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25-4-903. A
13 CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXEMPTION, OR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
14 OF THE ONLINE EDUCATION MODULE OR A CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL
15 EXEMPTION, IS ONLY VALID IF COMPLETED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION
16 25-4-903.

17 (1.5) A STUDENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION
18 (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE STUDENT IS PARTICIPATING IN A NONPUBLIC
19 HOME-BASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION
20 22-33-104.5; EXCEPT THAT:

21 (a) A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH
22 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-33-104.5
23 (3)(g); AND

24 (b) (I) A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH
25 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN A
26 NONPUBLIC HOME-BASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ATTENDS A SCHOOL OF
27 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A PORTION OF THE SCHOOL DAY;

1 (II) AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL MAY REQUIRE COMPLIANCE
2 WITH SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN
3 A NONPUBLIC HOME-BASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ATTENDS THE
4 INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR A PORTION OF THE SCHOOL DAY; OR

5 (III) A PRIVATE SCHOOL MAY REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH
6 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN A
7 NONPUBLIC HOME-BASED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ATTENDS THE PRIVATE
8 SCHOOL FOR A PORTION OF THE SCHOOL DAY. _____

9 (4) (a) On or before ~~March 1, 2011~~ JANUARY 15, 2021, the
10 department of public health and environment shall develop and provide
11 to the department of education AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
12 SERVICES a standardized document regarding childhood immunizations.
13 The department of education AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
14 shall post the standardized immunization document on ~~its website~~ THEIR
15 WEBSITES on or before ~~January 15, 2011~~ JANUARY 31, 2021, and ON OR
16 BEFORE JANUARY 31 each year thereafter. The standardized document
17 ~~shall~~ MUST be updated annually and ~~shall~~ MUST include, but need not be
18 limited to:

19 ~~(a)~~ (I) A list of the immunizations required for enrollment in a
20 school and the age at which the immunization is required; ~~and~~

21 ~~(b)~~ (II) A list of immunizations currently recommended for
22 children by the ~~center for disease control~~ advisory committee on
23 immunization practices OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
24 PREVENTION IN THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
25 SERVICES and the recommended age at which each immunization should
26 be given;

27 (III) A PLACE ON THE DOCUMENT WHERE A SCHOOL CAN INCLUDE

1 THE SCHOOL'S SPECIFIC IMMUNIZATION AND EXEMPTION RATES FOR THE
2 MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA VACCINE AND FOR EVERY OTHER
3 VACCINE FOR THE SCHOOL'S ENROLLED STUDENT POPULATION FOR THE
4 PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR COMPARED TO THE VACCINATED CHILDREN
5 STANDARD DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25-4-911; AND

6 (IV) A STATEMENT THAT THE SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO COLLECT
7 AND REPORT THE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a)
8 AND THAT THE SCHOOL DOES NOT CONTROL THE SCHOOL'S SPECIFIC
9 IMMUNIZATION AND EXEMPTION RATES OR ESTABLISH THE VACCINATED
10 CHILDREN STANDARD DESCRIBED IN SECTION 25-4-911.

11 (b) ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 15, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE
12 FEBRUARY 15 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, A SCHOOL SHALL INCLUDE ON THE
13 DOCUMENT THE SCHOOL'S SPECIFIC IMMUNIZATION AND EXEMPTION RATES
14 FOR THE MEASLES, MUMPS, AND RUBELLA VACCINE FOR THE SCHOOL'S
15 ENROLLED STUDENT POPULATION FOR THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR COMPARED
16 TO THE VACCINATED CHILDREN STANDARD DESCRIBED IN SECTION
17 25-4-911. THE SCHOOL MAY INCLUDE ON THE DOCUMENT THE SCHOOL'S
18 SPECIFIC IMMUNIZATION AND EXEMPTION RATES FOR ANY OTHER VACCINE
19 FOR THE SCHOOL'S ENROLLED STUDENT POPULATION FOR THE PRIOR
20 SCHOOL YEAR. THE SCHOOL SHALL DIRECTLY DISTRIBUTE THE DOCUMENT
21 TO THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF EACH STUDENT ENROLLED IN ITS
22 SCHOOL, EMANCIPATED STUDENTS, OR STUDENTS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE
23 OR OLDER, CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 25-4-903 (5).

24 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-903, **amend** (2)
25 and (5); and **add** (2.2), (2.3), and (2.7) as follows:

26 **25-4-903. Exemptions from immunization - rules.** (2) ~~It is the~~
27 ~~responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to have his or her child~~

1 ~~immunized unless the child is exempted pursuant to this section. A~~
2 ~~student shall be exempted from receiving the required immunizations in~~
3 ~~the following manner:~~ A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SHALL HAVE HIS OR
4 HER STUDENT IMMUNIZED, UNLESS THE STUDENT IS EXEMPTED PURSUANT
5 TO THIS SECTION, OR AN EMANCIPATED STUDENT OR A STUDENT EIGHTEEN
6 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER SHALL HAVE HIMSELF OR HERSELF IMMUNIZED,
7 UNLESS THE STUDENT IS EXEMPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. A
8 STUDENT IS EXEMPTED FROM RECEIVING THE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS
9 IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

10 (a) By submitting to the student's school ~~certification~~ A
11 COMPLETED CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXEMPTION from a licensed
12 physician, physician assistant authorized ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO section
13 12-240-107 (6), or advanced practice nurse that the physical condition of
14 the student is such that one or more specified immunizations would
15 endanger his or her life or health or ~~is~~ ARE medically contraindicated due
16 to other medical conditions; or

17 (b) (I) By submitting to the student's school ~~a statement of~~ EITHER
18 A COMPLETED CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF THE ONLINE EDUCATION
19 MODULE OR A COMPLETED CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL exemption
20 signed by one parent or LEGAL guardian, ~~or the~~ AN emancipated student,
21 or A student eighteen years of age or older that the parent, LEGAL
22 guardian, or student is an adherent to a religious belief whose teachings
23 are opposed to immunizations or ~~that the parent or guardian or the~~
24 ~~emancipated student or student eighteen years of age or older~~ has a
25 personal belief that is opposed to immunizations.

26 (II) (A) A COMPLETE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF THE ONLINE
27 EDUCATION MODULE IS ACQUIRED UPON COMPLETING THE ONLINE

1 EDUCATION MODULE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2.7) OF THIS SECTION.

2 (B) A COMPLETE CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION MUST
3 INCLUDE THE SIGNATURE OF A PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO
4 TITLE 12 TO ADMINISTER IMMUNIZATIONS WITHIN HIS OR HER SCOPE OF
5 PRACTICE TO THE STUDENT FOR WHOM THE CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL
6 EXEMPTION IS SOUGHT. NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II)(B)
7 REQUIRES A PERSON AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE 12 TO ADMINISTER
8 IMMUNIZATIONS WITHIN HIS OR HER SCOPE OF PRACTICE TO SIGN A
9 CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW
10 OR RULE TO THE CONTRARY, A BODY THAT REGULATES THE PROFESSIONAL
11 CONDUCT OF A PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE 12 TO
12 ADMINISTER IMMUNIZATIONS WITHIN HIS OR HER SCOPE OF PRACTICE TO
13 THE STUDENT FOR WHOM THE CERTIFICATE IS SOUGHT SHALL NOT ORDER
14 A DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE PERSON BECAUSE THE PERSON
15 AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE CERTIFICATE SIGNED SUCH CERTIFICATE
16 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II)(B). IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR THE
17 EMPLOYER OR ANY PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION TO RETALIATE AGAINST
18 A PERSON BECAUSE THE PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A CERTIFICATE
19 SIGNED SUCH CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II)(B).

20 (2.2) (a) (I) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
21 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-240-107 (6), OR ADVANCED
22 PRACTICE NURSE SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF A COMPLETED CERTIFICATE OF
23 MEDICAL EXEMPTION TO THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN,
24 THE EMANCIPATED STUDENT, OR THE STUDENT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE
25 OR OLDER.

26 (II) THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF THE ONLINE EDUCATION
27 MODULE MUST BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD OR PRINT

1 UPON COMPLETION OF THE ONLINE EDUCATION MODULE. THE CERTIFICATE
2 OF COMPLETION OF THE ONLINE EDUCATION MODULE DEVELOPED BY THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT MUST INCLUDE THE
4 SAME INFORMATION AS THE CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION
5 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2.3) OF THIS SECTION.

6 (III) A PERSON AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE 12 TO
7 ADMINISTER IMMUNIZATIONS WITHIN HIS OR HER SCOPE OF PRACTICE TO
8 THE STUDENT FOR WHOM THE CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION
9 IS SOUGHT AND WHO SIGNS THE CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION
10 FORM SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF A COMPLETED CERTIFICATE OF
11 NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION TO THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN,
12 THE EMANCIPATED STUDENT, OR THE STUDENT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE
13 OR OLDER.

14 (b) (I) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AUTHORIZED
15 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-240-107 (6), OR ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE
16 SHALL SUBMIT THE MEDICAL EXEMPTION DATA TO THE IMMUNIZATION
17 TRACKING SYSTEM CREATED IN SECTION 25-4-2403.

18 (II) A PERSON AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE 12 TO ADMINISTER
19 IMMUNIZATIONS WITHIN HIS OR HER SCOPE OF PRACTICE TO THE STUDENT
20 FOR WHOM THE CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION IS SOUGHT AND
21 WHO SIGNS THE CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION SHALL SUBMIT
22 THE NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION DATA TO THE IMMUNIZATION TRACKING
23 SYSTEM CREATED IN SECTION 25-4-2403.

24 (III) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTIONS (2.2)(b)(I) AND (2.2)(b)(II)
25 OF THIS SECTION, A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
26 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-240-107 (6), ADVANCED PRACTICE
27 NURSE, OR A PERSON AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE 12 TO ADMINISTER

1 IMMUNIZATIONS WITHIN HIS OR HER SCOPE OF PRACTICE IS NOT SUBJECT
2 TO A REGULATORY SANCTION FOR FAILING TO SUBMIT MEDICAL
3 EXEMPTION OR NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION DATA TO THE IMMUNIZATION
4 TRACKING SYSTEM.

5 (2.3) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2021, THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND POST ON ITS
7 WEBSITE A STANDARDIZED CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXEMPTION FORM
8 AND A STANDARDIZED CERTIFICATE OF NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION FORM.
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SHALL POST ANY
10 UPDATED FORM ON ITS WEBSITE.

11 (b) AT A MINIMUM, THE FORMS DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT MUST:

13 (I) INCLUDE A NOTICE THAT INFORMS THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR
14 LEGAL GUARDIAN, THE EMANCIPATED STUDENT, OR THE STUDENT
15 EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OF THE OPTION TO EXCLUDE THE
16 STUDENT'S MEDICAL OR NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION INFORMATION FROM THE
17 IMMUNIZATION TRACKING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25-4-2403;

18 (II) BE LIMITED TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION RELATED TO
19 COLLECTING DATA PERTAINING TO A MEDICAL OR NONMEDICAL
20 EXEMPTION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

21 ==
22 (A) THE STUDENT'S IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION AND THE
23 VACCINE OR VACCINES FOR WHICH THE EXEMPTION APPLIES; AND

24 (B) WHETHER A MEDICAL EXEMPTION OR A NONMEDICAL
25 EXEMPTION IS CLAIMED;

26 (III) NOT REQUIRE THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN,
27 THE EMANCIPATED STUDENT, OR THE STUDENT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE

1 OR OLDER TO PROVIDE ANY DEMOGRAPHIC DATA EXCEPT THE STUDENT'S
2 NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SEX, AND SCHOOL'S NAME AND LOCATION, AND THE
3 PARENT'S OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S NAME;

4 (IV) INCLUDE REFERENCES TO SCIENTIFICALLY BASED
5 INFORMATION REGARDING THE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF IMMUNIZATIONS;
6 AND

7 (V) NOT REQUIRE THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN,
8 THE EMANCIPATED STUDENT, OR THE STUDENT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE
9 OR OLDER TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD IDENTIFY THE
10 RELIGIOUS FAITH OR DESCRIBE THE REASONS FOR THE PERSONAL BELIEF OF
11 THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THE EMANCIPATED
12 STUDENT, OR THE STUDENT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO IS
13 CLAIMING A NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION. THE EXISTING IMMUNIZATION
14 TRACKING SYSTEM ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 25-4-2403 MUST NOT
15 RECEIVE OR STORE ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD IDENTIFY THE
16 RELIGIOUS FAITH OR THE REASONS FOR THE PERSONAL BELIEF OF THE
17 STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THE EMANCIPATED STUDENT, OR
18 THE STUDENT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO IS CLAIMING THE
19 EXEMPTION.

20 (c) THE FORMS DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
21 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT MUST NOT REQUIRE A PARENT OR LEGAL
22 GUARDIAN, EMANCIPATED STUDENT, OR STUDENT EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE
23 OR OLDER TO SIGN OR INDICATE AGREEMENT WITH ANY LANGUAGE
24 REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS THAT MAY BE CONTRARY TO A RELIGIOUS
25 BELIEF OR PERSONAL BELIEF THAT IS OPPOSED TO IMMUNIZATIONS IN
26 ORDER TO COMPLETE THE FORM.

27 (2.7) (a) THE ONLINE LEARNING MODULE ADMINISTERED BY THE

1 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PURSUANT TO
2 SUBSECTION (2.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST:

3 (I) INCLUDE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC DATA THAT IS
4 EVIDENCE-BASED AND PEER REVIEWED BY CREDIBLE SCIENTIFIC AND
5 PUBLIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING BOTH THE BENEFITS AND
6 RISKS OF IMMUNIZATIONS AND EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES. THE MODULE
7 MUST FAIRLY PRESENT BOTH THE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF IMMUNIZATIONS
8 AND INCLUDE DATA CONCERNING THE RISK OF IMMUNIZATION INJURY.

9 (II) BE INTERACTIVE; AND

10 (III) INCLUDE OTHER CRITERIA ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

12 (b) THE ONLINE LEARNING MODULE MUST NOT REQUIRE A PARENT
13 OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, EMANCIPATED STUDENT, OR STUDENT EIGHTEEN
14 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO SIGN OR INDICATE AGREEMENT WITH ANY
15 LANGUAGE REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS THAT MAY BE CONTRARY TO A
16 RELIGIOUS BELIEF OR PERSONAL BELIEF THAT IS OPPOSED TO
17 IMMUNIZATIONS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE LEARNING MODULE.

18 (5) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION
19 25-4-902 (4)(b), each school shall make the immunization and exemption
20 rates of their enrolled student population publicly available upon request.

21 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-4-904.5 as
22 follows:

23 **25-4-904.5. Annual alignment evaluation.** THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SHALL ANNUALLY EVALUATE THE
25 STATE'S IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES, INCLUDING AN EXAMINATION OF
26 UPDATED BEST PRACTICES AND GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED BY THE
27 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES OF THE CENTERS FOR

1 DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION IN THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF
2 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH SHALL
3 REVIEW THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT'S
4 ANNUAL EVALUATION AND MAY UPDATE THE STATE'S IMMUNIZATION
5 PRACTICES PURSUANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
6 ENVIRONMENT'S ANNUAL EVALUATION.

7 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 25-4-911** as
8 follows:

9 **25-4-911. Vaccinated children standard - legislative**
10 **declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES IT IS
11 NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A VACCINATED CHILDREN STANDARD, WHEREBY
12 THE IMMUNIZATION RATE GOAL FOR EVERY SCHOOL IS NINETY-FIVE
13 PERCENT OF THE STUDENT POPULATION TO BE VACCINATED ACCORDING TO
14 THE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE
15 BOARD OF HEALTH PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-4-904. ACHIEVING THIS
16 IMMUNIZATION RATE GOAL WILL HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS
17 DISEASES AND PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOL
18 COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE STUDENTS WHO CANNOT BE IMMUNIZED FOR
19 MEDICAL REASONS.

20 (2) IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE IMMUNIZATION RATE GOAL
21 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
22 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SHALL COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL
23 PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND
24 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDING BEST PRACTICES TO EDUCATE AND
25 ENGAGE WITH STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ABOUT VACCINES, THE RISKS OF
26 VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES, AND WHERE VACCINES ARE
27 ADMINISTERED.

1 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 25-4-912 as
2 follows:

3 **25-4-912. Confidentiality.** ALL IMMUNIZATION AND EXEMPTION
4 DATA THAT IS SUBMITTED TO THE IMMUNIZATION TRACKING SYSTEM
5 CREATED IN SECTION 25-4-2403 IS SUBJECT TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY
6 PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 25-4-2403.

7 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-4-2403, **amend**
8 (2) introductory portion; and **add** (2.5) as follows:

9 **25-4-2403. Department of public health and environment -**
10 **powers and duties - immunization tracking system - rules -**
11 **definitions.** (2) To enable the gathering of epidemiological information
12 and investigation and control of communicable diseases, the department
13 of public health and environment ~~may establish~~ SHALL MAINTAIN a
14 comprehensive immunization tracking system with immunization
15 information gathered by state and local PUBLIC health officials from the
16 following sources:

17 (2.5) (a) A PRACTITIONER WHO IS A LICENSED PHYSICIAN,
18 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-240-107
19 (6), ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR PERSON AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO
20 TITLE 12 TO ADMINISTER IMMUNIZATIONS WITHIN HIS OR HER SCOPE OF
21 PRACTICE SHALL SUBMIT IMMUNIZATION, MEDICAL EXEMPTION, OR
22 NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION DATA TO THE TRACKING SYSTEM.

23 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION, A
24 PRACTITIONER WHO IS A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
25 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-240-107 (6), ADVANCED PRACTICE
26 NURSE, OR A PERSON AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO TITLE 12 TO ADMINISTER
27 IMMUNIZATIONS WITHIN HIS OR HER SCOPE OF PRACTICE IS NOT SUBJECT

1 TO A REGULATORY SANCTION FOR FAILING TO SUBMIT IMMUNIZATION,
2 MEDICAL EXEMPTION, OR NONMEDICAL EXEMPTION DATA TO THE
3 IMMUNIZATION TRACKING SYSTEM.

4 **SECTION 9. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2020-21 state fiscal
5 year, \$41,906 is appropriated to the department of public health and
6 environment. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement
7 this act, the division may use this appropriation as follows:

8 (a) \$31,884 for use by the environmental epidemiology division
9 for program costs, which amount is based on an assumption that the
10 division will require an additional 0.1 FTE;

11 (b) \$10,022 for the purchase of information technology services.

12 (2) for the 2020-21 state fiscal year, \$10,022 is appropriated to the
13 office of the governor for use by the office of information technology.
14 This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the
15 department of public health and environment under subsection (1)(b) of
16 this section. To impliment this act, the office may use this appropriation
17 to provide information technology services for the department of public
18 health and environment.

19 **SECTION 10. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.