



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 22**

**SENATE BILL NO. 598**

**By Haile**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 388

By Kevin Brooks, Hardaway, Turner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 50 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to immunization of school children.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5005, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and adding the following language as subsection (b):

LEAs shall ensure that schools provide parents and guardians with information about influenza disease and the effectiveness of vaccination against influenza at the beginning of every school year. This information must include the causes, symptoms, and means by which influenza is spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children. Nothing in this section requires an LEA or school to provide or purchase vaccine against influenza. The department of education, in consultation with the department of health, shall provide information to LEAs to assist in the implementation of this subsection.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-50-802, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and adding the following language as subsection (b):

Nonpublic schools shall provide parents and guardians with information about influenza disease and the effectiveness of vaccination against influenza at the beginning of every school year. This information must include the causes, symptoms, and means by which influenza is spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children. Nothing in this section requires a nonpublic school to provide or purchase vaccine against influenza. The department of education, in consultation with the department of health, shall provide information to nonpublic schools to assist in the implementation of this subsection.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: March 13, 2017

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR