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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-873, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-873, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-873. Exemptions

5 A. Documentary proof is not required for a pupil to be admitted to
6 school if one of the following occurs:

7 1. The parent or guardian of the pupil submits a signed statement
8 to the school administrator stating that the parent or guardian has
9 received information about immunizations provided by the department of
10 health services and understands the risks and benefits of immunizations
11 and the potential risks of nonimmunization and that, due to personal
12 beliefs, the parent or guardian does not consent to the immunization of
13 the pupil.

14 2. The school administrator receives written certification that is
15 signed by the parent or guardian and by a physician or a registered nurse
16 practitioner, that states that one or more of the required immunizations
17 may be detrimental to the pupil's health and that indicates the specific
18 nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstance that
19 precludes immunization.

20 B. An exemption pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 2 **OF THIS**
21 **SECTION** is only valid during the duration of the circumstance or condition
22 that precludes immunization.

23 ~~C. Pupils who lack documentary proof of immunization shall not~~
24 ~~attend school during outbreak periods of communicable~~
25 ~~immunization-preventable diseases as determined by the department of~~
26 ~~health services or local health department. The department of health~~
27 ~~services or local health department shall transmit notice of this~~
28 ~~determination to the school administrator responsible for the exclusion of~~
29 ~~the pupils.~~