

SENATE FILE NO. SF0054

Meningococcal vaccination.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Landen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health; providing for mandatory
2 meningitis vaccination for university and community college
3 students; providing exceptions; granting rulemaking
4 authority; providing for applicability; and providing for
5 an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-17-124 and 35-4-140 are created to
10 read:

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12 **21-17-124. Meningococcal vaccination.**

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14 (a) Any student attending the university, full or
15 part time, shall within thirty (30) days after the date of
16 enrollment provide to the appropriate university official
17 written documentary proof of vaccination against

1 meningococcal meningitis. For purposes of this section,
2 documentary proof of vaccination means written
3 certification by a private licensed physician or his
4 representative, or by any public health authority, that the
5 student has received a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate
6 vaccine. Documentation shall include month, day and year
7 of the vaccination. The president shall not permit a
8 student to attend the university for more than thirty (30)
9 calendar days without documentary proof of vaccination as
10 required by this section. Waivers shall be authorized by
11 the state or county health officer upon submission of
12 written evidence of religious objection or medical
13 contraindication to the administration of any vaccine. In
14 the presence of an outbreak of meningococcal meningitis, as
15 determined by the state or county health authority,
16 students for whom a waiver has been issued and who are not
17 immunized against meningococcal meningitis shall be
18 excluded from the university for a period of time
19 determined by the state or county health authority.

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21 (b) The president shall cooperate with the department
22 of health in adopting rules and regulations to implement
23 this section.

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1 **35-4-140. Meningococcal meningitis vaccination.**

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3 The department of health, in cooperation with the
4 University of Wyoming and the community college commission,
5 shall adopt rules and regulations to implement a program
6 for the vaccination of college students against
7 meningococcal meningitis, as provided in W.S. 21-17-124 and
8 21-18-202(c)(ix). The vaccine required by this section
9 shall be a quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

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11 **Section 2.** W.S. 21-18-202(c) by creating a new
12 paragraph (ix) is amended to read:

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14 **21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.**

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16 (c) The commission shall perform the following
17 administrative functions:

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19 (ix) Require any student attending a community
20 college, full or part time, within thirty (30) days after
21 the date of enrollment, to provide to the appropriate
22 college official written documentary proof of the student's
23 vaccination against meningococcal meningitis. For purposes
24 of this section, documentary proof of vaccination means

1 written certification by a private licensed physician or
2 his representative, or by any public health authority, that
3 the student has received a quadrivalent meningococcal
4 conjugate vaccine. Documentation shall include month, day
5 and year of the vaccination. A college shall not permit a
6 student to attend the college for more than thirty (30)
7 calendar days without documentary proof of vaccination as
8 required by this section. Waivers shall be authorized by
9 the state or county health officer upon submission of
10 written evidence of religious objection or medical
11 contraindication to the administration of any vaccine. In
12 the presence of an outbreak of meningococcal meningitis, as
13 determined by the state or county health authority,
14 students for whom a waiver has been issued and who are not
15 immunized against meningococcal meningitis shall be
16 excluded from the college for a period of time determined
17 by the state or county health authority. The commission
18 shall cooperate with the department of health in adopting
19 rules and regulations to implement this paragraph.

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21 **Section 3.**

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23 (a) This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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1 (b) This act shall apply to students enrolling at the
2 University of Wyoming or a community college after the
3 effective date of this act and who were born after 1994.

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