

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0158

Influenza vaccination feasibility study.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Iekel, Berger, Hallinan,
Harvey, Landon and Martin and Senator(s)
Aullman, Fecht and Massie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health and welfare; providing for a
2 school based influenza vaccination feasibility study;
3 providing for a report; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) The department of health shall work to increase
11 influenza immunization awareness and participation among
12 parents of children aged six (6) months to five (5) years
13 in child care facilities and schools. The official website
14 of the department of health shall contain information on
15 the benefits of annual immunization against influenza for
16 children and the department's programs offered for the

1 children. The department of health shall cooperate with
2 the department of family services in order to distribute
3 such information to the parents, child care facilities and
4 schools effectively in August or September in every year.

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6 (b) The department of health shall conduct a study of
7 the feasibility of establishing a school-based influenza
8 vaccination pilot program. The study shall:

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10 (i) Examine the costs and benefits of
11 establishing a school-based influenza vaccination pilot
12 program;

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14 (ii) Identify any barriers to implementing the
15 school-based influenza vaccination pilot program and
16 recommend strategies for removing the barriers;

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18 (iii) Determine the fiscal impact to the state
19 of the proposed pilot program;

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21 (iv) Explore various methods of vaccine
22 administration by health officials with the least potential
23 adverse effects.

(c) The department of health shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations resulting from the study to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee on October 1, 2008. The joint labor, health and social services interim committee may introduce legislation in order to provide for the program.

(d) The department of health may use any funds available to the department, not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to conduct the feasibility study under this act.

13 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2008.

L5 (END)