



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5675

LCO No. 3698

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MENINGITIS INFORMATION AND
VACCINATIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) For the 2001-2002 school year, and each school year
2 thereafter, each public or private college or university in this state shall
3 require that each student who resides in on-campus housing be
4 vaccinated against meningitis as a condition of such residence.

5 (b) For the 2001-2002 school year, and each school year thereafter,
6 each public or private college or university in this state shall (1)
7 provide information about meningitis to all prospective students prior
8 to their matriculation and include with that information notice of the
9 availability and benefits of a meningitis vaccine, and (2) develop
10 procedures for facilitating, receiving and recording student responses
11 to the information provided about meningitis and the meningitis
12 vaccination, including the student's decision to receive the vaccination.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect the public health by increasing student awareness of the dangers of meningitis and requiring meningitis vaccinations for residents of on-campus housing.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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