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House Bill 5094 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative William R. Bryant, Jr.
House Committee: Education
Senate Committee: Education

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to revise provisions that require the submission of statements on the immunization of a child entering a public or nonpublic school for the first time, and that require the submission of the immunization status and a vision report of each child entering school or kindergarten.

Currently, a child enrolling in a public or nonpublic school in the State for the first time must submit one of the following: a statement signed by a physician that the child has been tested for and immunized or protected against diseases specified by the Director of Public Health; a statement signed by a parent or guardian to the effect that the child has not been immunized because of religious convictions or other objection to immunization; or, a request signed by a parent or guardian that the local health department give the needed protective injections. The bill would delete the provision that a parent or guardian may request a local health department to give the needed injections. The bill provides instead that a physician could submit a signed statement that certified that the child was in the process of complying with all immunization requirements.

The Code requires that before November 1 of each year, the administrator of each school provide the Director with the immunization status and a vision report of each entering child. Under the bill, the administrator would have to provide to the Director no later than November 1 the immunization status of each entering child and a vision report of each child entering kindergarten. In addition, by February 1 of each year, the administrator of each school would have to provide an update to the list submitted the previous November to show the additional immunizations received by each child since entering.

The bill also would delete the current requirement that the Director of Public Health appoint an advisory board consisting of equal numbers of ophthalmologists and optometrists to advise and assist the Director with vision programs.

The bill would replace references to the Department of Public Health with references to the Department of Community Health.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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