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House Bill 5094 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole) Sponsor: Representative William R. Bryant, Jr. House Committee: Education Senate Committee: Education

## **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 pupil in grades K through 12 who enrolled in school for the first time during a specified time period.

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 (now Community 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 instead would allow the submission of a statement signed by a physician certifying 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 pupil in grades K through 12 who enrolled in the school for the first time between the immediately preceding January and the immediately preceding September 30, and a vision report of each child entering kindergarten during that time period. In addition, by February 1 of each year, the administrator of each school would have to provide an update of the report due the previous November 1 to show the immunization status of each pupil in grades K through 12 who enrolled in the school for the first time during the calendar year ending the immediately preceding December 31. The bill specifies that this information would have to be transmitted in the same manner as the report due the previous November 1.

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## FISCAL IMPACT

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

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