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2172 AN ACT TO CORRECT ERRORS
AND INCONSISTENCIES IN
THE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION
LAW AND OTHER RELATED
LAW

Nelson

HEALTH & INSTITUTIONS
MAJ-ND OF 1869
PL 1984, C. 661

SUMMARY: The original draft concentrated on removal of the exemption of immunizing female students of child bearing ages against rubella and adding a specific requirement that immunization for mumps occur in early elementary grades.

The new draft clarifies the education statutes and makes these compatible with chapter 251 on "Communicable Diseases" in Title 22. Specifically, it

1. Makes school boards responsible for establishing local policies and superintendents responsible for carrying out those policies and state requirements;
2. Clarifies the relevant definitions;
3. Clarifies parent's responsibilities to insure their children are immunized;
4. Removes the exemption for rubella vaccination for a female student of child bearing age under the explanation that most females are already vaccinated and because of an expansion of the exemption based on physicians statement from condition which would "threaten the student's health" to any condition which is "medically inadvisable;"
5. Adds a specification allowing a public health officer to order the exclusion of a child who has not been immunized if the child poses a danger to other children;
6. Specifies that the superintendent keep records on immunization;
7. Requires the superintendent to provide yearly reports;
8. Retains the Departments of Education and Human Services joint rule making authority;
9. Retains the authority of local units to establish more stringent requirements; and
10. Extends the exemption on confidentiality in 22 MRSA Section 1032 to include school officials so they can have access to records.

2181 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN
EDUCATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE
ON THE CAUSES OF CONSEQUENCES OF NUCLEAR WAR

Andrews

MAJ-ND 2366

SUMMARY: See New Draft, ID 2366.