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H.P. 205

House of Representatives, January 31, 2017

An Act Requiring Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccinations for Teenagers

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HYMANSON of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GATTINE of Westbrook, HEAD of Bethel, MALABY of Hancock, PERRY of Calais, VACHON of Scarborough, Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6358, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 326, §3 and PL
3 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

4 **1. Rules authorized.** The commissioner and the Director of the Bureau of Health,
5 Department of Health and Human Services, shall jointly issue rules necessary for the
6 effective implementation of this subchapter, including, but not limited to, rules specifying
7 those diseases for which immunization is required and establishing school record keeping
8 and reporting requirements or guidelines and procedures for the exclusion of
9 nonimmunized children from school. Rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter must
10 include requiring meningococcal meningitis immunizations for students 11 years of age
11 or older and under 20 years of age. Rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter specifying
12 the diseases for which immunization is required are major substantive rules as defined in
13 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A~~ 2-A.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department
16 of Education to adopt rules requiring that students 11 years of age or older and under 20
17 years of age receive meningococcal meningitis immunizations.