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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to immunizations; amending s. 1002.23,
3 F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to include
4 parental information regarding school entry requirements
5 and recommended immunization schedules in the guidelines
6 for a parent guide; requiring departmental guidelines
7 regarding student health and other resources; specifying
8 that each school district develop and disseminate a parent
9 guide that provides certain health information, including
10 a recommended immunization schedule and information
11 regarding meningococcal disease; amending s. 1002.42,
12 F.S.; requiring the governing authority of each private
13 school to provide certain health information, including a
14 recommended immunization schedule and information
15 regarding meningococcal disease; providing an effective
16 date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. Subsections (2) and (7) of section 1002.23,
21 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

22 1002.23 Family and School Partnership for Student
23 Achievement Act.--

24 (2) To facilitate meaningful parent and family
25 involvement, the Department of Education shall develop
26 guidelines for a parent guide to successful student achievement
27 which describes what parents need to know about their child's

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28 | educational progress and how they can help their child to
29 | succeed in school. The guidelines shall include, but need not be
30 | limited to:

31 | (a) Parental information regarding:

32 | 1. Requirements for their child to be promoted to the next
33 | grade, as provided for in s. 1008.25;

34 | 2. Progress of their child toward achieving state and
35 | district expectations for academic proficiency;

36 | 3. Assessment results, including report cards and progress
37 | reports; ~~and~~

38 | 4. Qualifications of their child's teachers; and

39 | 5. School entry requirements, including required
40 | immunizations and the recommended immunization schedule;

41 | (b) Services available for parents and their children,
42 | such as family literacy services; mentoring, tutorial, and other
43 | academic reinforcement programs; college planning, academic
44 | advisement, and student counseling services; and after-school
45 | programs;

46 | (c) Opportunities for parental participation, such as
47 | parenting classes, adult education, school advisory councils,
48 | and school volunteer programs;

49 | (d) Opportunities for parents to learn about rigorous
50 | academic programs that may be available for their child, such as
51 | honors programs, dual enrollment, advanced placement,
52 | International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate
53 | of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), Advanced International

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54 Certificate of Education, Florida Virtual High School courses,
55 and accelerated access to postsecondary education;

56 (e) Educational choices, as provided for in s. 1002.20(6),
57 and corporate income tax credit scholarships, as provided for in
58 s. 220.187;

59 (f) Classroom and test accommodations available for
60 students with disabilities; ~~and~~

61 (g) School board rules, policies, and procedures for
62 student promotion and retention, academic standards, student
63 assessment, courses of study, instructional materials, and
64 contact information for school and district offices; and

65 (h) Resources for information on student health and other
66 available resources for parents.

67 (7) Each school district shall develop and disseminate a
68 parent guide to successful student achievement, consistent with
69 the guidelines of the Department of Education, which addresses
70 what parents need to know about their child's educational
71 progress and how parents can help their child to succeed in
72 school. The guide must:

73 (a) Be understandable to students and parents;

74 (b) Be distributed to all parents, students, and school
75 personnel at the beginning of each school year;

76 (c) Be discussed at the beginning of each school year in
77 meetings of students, parents, and teachers; ~~and~~

78 (d) Include information concerning services,
79 opportunities, choices, academic standards, and student
80 assessment; and

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81 (e) Provide information on the importance of student
 82 health and available immunizations and vaccinations, including,
 83 but not limited to:

84 1. A recommended immunization schedule in accordance with
 85 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 86 recommendations.

87 2. Detailed information regarding the causes, symptoms,
 88 and transmission of meningococcal disease and the availability,
 89 effectiveness, known contraindications, and appropriate age for
 90 the administration of any required or recommended vaccine
 91 against meningococcal disease, in accordance with the
 92 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization
 93 Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and
 94 Prevention.

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96 The parent guide may be included as a part of the code of
 97 student conduct that is required in s. 1006.07(2).

98 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 1002.42, Florida
 99 Statutes, is amended to read:

100 1002.42 Private schools.--

101 (6) IMMUNIZATIONS.--The governing authority of each
 102 private school shall:

103 (a) Require students to present a certification of
 104 immunization in accordance with the provisions of s. 1003.22(3)-
 105 (11).

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106 (b) Provide information on the importance of student
107 health and available immunizations and vaccinations, including,
108 but not limited to:

109 1. A recommended immunization schedule in accordance with
110 United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
111 recommendations.

112 2. Detailed information regarding the causes, symptoms,
113 and transmission of meningococcal disease and the availability,
114 effectiveness, known contraindications, and appropriate age for
115 the administration of any required or recommended vaccine
116 against meningococcal disease, in accordance with the
117 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization
118 Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and
119 Prevention.

120 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.