

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1405

An act relating to the influenza vaccine; amending ss. 402.305, 402.313, and 402.3131, F.S.; requiring child care facilities, family day care homes, and large family child care homes to provide parents with certain information regarding the causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the importance of the influenza vaccine for children enrolled or enrolling in child care programs, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization, acknowledges that vaccines, including the influenza vaccine, focus on disease prevention and are the most cost-effective medical intervention, and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, recommends that annual vaccination of all children aged 6 months through 59 months continue to be a primary focus of vaccination efforts because these children are at higher risk for influenza complications compared with older children, and

WHEREAS, vaccination against influenza each fall and winter remains the primary mechanism to prevent disease, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Present paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (9) of section 402.305, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively, and a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection to read:

402.305 Licensing standards; child care facilities.—

(9) ADMISSIONS AND RECORDKEEPING.—

(b) During the months of August and September of each year, each child care facility shall provide parents of children enrolled in the facility detailed information regarding the causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Section 2. Subsection (14) is added to section 402.313, Florida Statutes, to read:

402.313 Family day care homes.—

(14) During the months of August and September of each year, each family day care home shall provide parents of children enrolled in the home detailed information regarding the causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of immunizing their children against influenza as recommended

by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Section 3. Subsection (9) is added to section 402.3131, Florida Statutes, to read:

402.3131 Large family child care homes.—

(9) During the months of August and September of each year, each large family child care home shall provide parents of children enrolled in the home detailed information regarding the causes, symptoms, and transmission of the influenza virus in an effort to educate those parents regarding the importance of immunizing their children against influenza as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2009.

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