

HB 408 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL **408**

AN ACT relative to foster children and vaccinations.

SPONSORS: Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Rep. Plett, Hills. 29; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Potucek,
Rock. 13; Rep. Edwards, Rock. 31; Rep. Bogert, Belk. 5; Rep. Terry, Belk. 7

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill requires that children living in a foster family home but who are not in foster care shall be subject to the same immunization requirements as any other child in the state.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Residential Care and Child-Placing Agency Licensing; Immunization
2 Requirements for Foster Family Homes. Amend RSA 170-E by inserting after section 27-a the
3 following new section:

4 170-E:27-b Immunization Requirements; Foster Family Homes. There shall be no vaccination
5 or immunization requirements required of any children residing in a foster home that exceeds any
6 vaccination or immunization requirements as required by RSA 141-C:20-a, either in type of
7 vaccination or quantity of doses. All children residing in a foster home or household shall have the
8 same rights to claim any exemption from a vaccination or immunization requirement as any other
9 child in the state and the exemptions under 141-C:20-c shall apply to children of any age whose
10 parents desire them irrespective of whether or not they are admitted or enrolled in any public or
11 private school or child care agency. No provision of this subdivision, and no rule adopted by the
12 department governing the licensing of a foster family home, shall impose any vaccination or
13 immunization requirements on any adults residing in a foster family home or household.

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.