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By Senators Keiser, Marr, Kohl-Welles, and Parlette

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1 AN ACT Relating to child immunization exemptions; and amending RCW
2 28A.210.090.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.210.090 and 1991 c 3 s 290 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Any child shall be exempt in whole or in part from the immunization
7 measures required by RCW 28A.210.060 through 28A.210.170 upon the
8 presentation of any one or more of the following, on a form prescribed
9 by the department of health:

10 (1) A written certification signed by any physician licensed to
11 practice medicine pursuant to chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW that a
12 particular vaccine required by rule of the state board of health is, in
13 his or her judgment, not advisable for the child: PROVIDED, That when
14 it is determined that this particular vaccine is no longer
15 contraindicated, the child will be required to have the vaccine;

16 (2) A written certification signed by any parent or legal guardian
17 of the child or any adult in loco parentis to the child that the
18 religious beliefs of the signator are contrary to the required
19 immunization measures; (~~and~~) or

1 (3) (~~(A written certification signed by any parent or legal~~
2 ~~guardian of the child or any adult in loco parentis to the child that~~
3 ~~the signator has either a philosophical or personal objection to the~~
4 ~~immunization of the child.)~~) The following documents, affirmed as
5 authentic before a notary public, acknowledging a philosophical or
6 personal objection to immunization and informed consent of a parent,
7 legal guardian, or person acting in loco parentis to the child who
8 rejects immunization:

9 (a) The signed and dated statement, of a parent, legal guardian, or
10 person acting in loco parentis to the child, requesting the exemption
11 on the basis of a philosophical or personal belief and recognizing that
12 a child may be prohibited from attending school during an outbreak of
13 a disease for which the child has not been immunized; and

14 (b) A signed and dated note, from a physician licensed under
15 chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, a physician assistant licensed under
16 chapter 18.71A or 18.57A RCW, or a nurse licensed under chapter 18.79
17 RCW, stating that the parent, legal guardian, or person acting in loco
18 parentis to the child received information about the benefits and risks
19 of immunization.

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