
SENATE BILL 6041

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By Senators Pflug, Keiser, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to improving data on childhood immunizations; and
2 adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of health is authorized
5 to create an immunization registry program for children ages zero to
6 eighteen residing in Washington state and to adopt rules to implement
7 the program.

8 (2) The department, in developing the immunization registry
9 program, at a minimum, must create a registry that allows health care
10 providers to access patient information regarding immunization history
11 in a shared, secure database. The department must also develop
12 materials to provide information about immunizations to parents.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of health shall require,
14 by rule, any physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, physician
15 assistant licensed under chapter 18.71A RCW, or registered nurse,
16 advanced registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse under chapter
17 18.79 RCW to use the immunization registry program and record all
18 essential information involving any immunization delivered to a child.

1 (2) The department may only require physicians or physician
2 assistants to report immunizations recommended in the child and
3 adolescent immunization schedules published by the federal department
4 of health and human services.

5 (3) The parent of a child receiving an immunization must have the
6 ability to exempt their child from participation in the immunization
7 registry without cause.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a
9 new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

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