

Educational Vaccine Exemption Amendments

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Trevor Lee

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill repeals certain preconditions to receive a vaccination exemption form.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- repeals provisions requiring a parent to complete an online education module or in-person consultation to receive a vaccination exemption form for a child in the public education system; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:**AMENDS:**

53G-9-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 328

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53G-9-304** is amended to read:

53G-9-304 . Vaccination exemption form.

(1) The department shall:

(a) develop a vaccination exemption form that includes only the following information:

(i) identifying information regarding:

(A) the student to whom an exemption applies; and

(B) the legally responsible individual who claims the exemption for the student

and signs the vaccination exemption form;

(ii) an indication regarding the vaccines to which the exemption relates;

(iii) a statement that the claimed exemption is for:

- (A) a medical reason; or
- (B) a personal or religious belief; and
- (iv) an explanation of the requirements, in the event of an outbreak of a disease for which a required vaccine exists, for a student who:
- (A) has not received the required vaccine; and
- (B) is not otherwise immune from the disease; and
- (b) provide the vaccination exemption form created in this Subsection (1) to local health departments.
- (2)(a) Each local health department shall designate one or more individuals from within the local health department as a health official to consult, regarding the requirements of this part, with:
- (i) parents, upon the request of parents;
- (ii) school principals and administrators; and
- (iii) licensed health care providers.
- (b) A local health department may designate a licensed health care provider as a health official designee to provide the services described in Subsection (2)(a).
- ~~[(3)(a) To receive a vaccination exemption form described in Subsection (1), a legally responsible individual shall complete the online education module described in Section 26B-7-118, permitting an individual to:]~~
- ~~[(i) complete any requirements online; and]~~
- ~~[(ii) download and print the vaccine exemption form immediately upon completion of the requirements.]~~
- ~~[(b) A legally responsible individual may decline to take the online education module and obtain a vaccination exemption form from a local health department if the individual:]~~
- ~~[(i) requests and receives an in-person consultation at a local health department from a health official or a health official designee regarding the requirements of this part; and]~~
- ~~[(ii) pays any fees established under Subsection (4)(b).]~~
- ~~[(4)(a) Neither the department nor any other person may charge a fee for the exemption form offered through the online education module in Subsection (3)(a).]~~
- ~~[(b)]~~ (3) A local health department may establish a fee of up to \$25 to cover the costs of providing an in-person consultation.

Section 2. **Effective Date.**

65 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.