

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS35213-LN-127 (3/12)

Short Title: DHHS Study/Influenza Vaccine Public Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING
A SCHOOL-BASED INFLUENZA VACCINATION PILOT PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, shall study the feasibility of establishing a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program. The purpose of the program would be to vaccinate against influenza all children ages 6 months to 18 years in accordance with the recommendations of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. In conducting the study, the Division shall:

- (1) Examine the costs and benefits of establishing a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program;
- (2) Identify any barriers to implementing the school-based influenza vaccination pilot program and recommend strategies for removing the barriers; and
- (3) Determine the fiscal impact to the State of the proposed pilot program.

SECTION 2. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Governor not later than May 1, 2010.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services may seek, receive, and expend funds received through an appropriation, grant, donation, or reimbursement from any public or private source to implement the pilot program.

SECTION 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

