

Executive Summary HB 2009

Legislative Oversight of Vaccine Mandates on School Children

Addresses Three Issues

- ✓ Rein in overreach by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)
- ✓ Restore parents' authority over health care decision for their children
- ✓ Protect medical professionals' right to serve their patients in the patient's best interest.

Details of the Bill

- ✓ **Rein in overreach by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)**
 - Restore legislative oversight over vaccine mandates. DHSS will no longer be allowed to mandate vaccines by rule, the legislature must add any mandates to statute. §§ 167.181.1, 210.003.1, 210.003.2(3)
- ✓ **Restore parents' authority over health care decision for their children**
 - Clarifies existing **authority of parents to “object in writing”** to mandated vaccines without extra-statutory annoyances from local health authorities. (Local health departments have been requiring more than the statutes require of parents seeking to use their statutory authority to opt out of vaccine mandates.) §§ 167.181.3, 174.335.1, § 167.186.5, § 167.186
 - Brings statutes into compliance with Article I § 5 of the Missouri Constitution, which says, “no human authority can control or interfere with the rights of *conscience*,” by including a “**conscientious belief objection**” to the religious objection verbiage.
 - **K-12:** §§ 167.181.3, 174.335, 210.003.2(2)(b), 210.003.3.
 - **Higher Ed:** § 174.335.1
 - Prevents parents' decision not to vaccinate their children from being used as a contributing factor in **child neglect or abuse charges**. §§ 210.110(1), 210.110(12), 210.115.4
 - Allow an exemption to vaccine mandates for **immunity acquired** through means other than vaccinations (e.g. naturally acquired from previous illness). §§ 167.181.2
 - Remove government vaccine mandates from **private schools**. (Private schools can make their own rules.)
 - **K-12:** §§ 167.181.1, 210.003.1
 - **Higher Ed:** § 174.335.4 (fixes bad definition of “on-campus housing”)
- ✓ **Protect medical professionals' right to serve their patients in the patient's best interest.**
 - Doctors **can not be punished** by the *state board of registration for the healing arts* for issuing medical exemptions to mandated vaccines. §§ 334.099.1(1), 334.100.1(2)