

LEGISLATIVE BILL 173

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1973

Introduced by R. Maresh, 32

AN ACT relating to public health; to require immunization of certain school children except as prescribed.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Each board of education and the governing authority of each private school in this state shall require each child under twelve years of age to be protected against measles, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus by immunization before being permitted to attend any school under its jurisdiction, unless a parent or guardian of such child presents a written statement that he does not wish to have such child so immunized. In the case of any child enrolled in school on the effective date of this act, the immunization required by this act shall be effected no later than September 1, 1974.

The cost of such immunization shall be borne by the parent or guardian of each child who is immunized; Provided, that such cost shall be borne by the Department of Health for those children whose parents or guardian are financially unable to meet such cost, to the extent that funds are specifically available for such purposes.

Sec. 2. Any local board of education or the governing authority of a private school in this state may request assistance from the Department of Health in establishing immunization clinics. Such assistance shall consist of vaccines, serums, and other supplies, services, and guidance from the Director of Health.