

CHAPTER 98

SENATE Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2097^e

AN ACT concerning the department of health and environment; relating to educational awareness of infectious disease vaccines and school-based influenza vaccination pilot program study; and relating to disposition of fetal remains.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) At the beginning of a school year, school boards shall provide information on immunizations applicable to school age children to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12. The information on immunizations shall include:

- (1) A list of sources for additional information; and
- (2) related standards issued by the national centers for disease control and prevention.

(b) The department of health and environment shall provide assistance, if requested by a school board, and information on immunizations applicable to school age children to school boards for the purposes of this section, and shall not charge the school board for such assistance or information.

(c) For purposes of this section, "school board" means the board of education of a school district and the governing authority of any nonpublic school.

Sec. 2. (a) The department of health and environment shall work to increase influenza immunization awareness and participation among parents of children aged six months to five years in child care facilities. The official website of the department of health and environment shall have information on the benefits of annual immunization against influenza for children and its programs offered for the children. The department of health and environment shall cooperate with the department of social and rehabilitation services in order to distribute the information to the parents and child care facilities effectively in August or September in every year.

(b) The department of health and environment shall conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program. The study 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.

(c) The department of health and environment shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations resulting from such study to the joint committee on health policy oversight before the 2009 legislature convenes. The joint committee on health policy oversight may introduce bills or request funding in order to provide for the program.

(d) The department of health and environment may seek, receive, and spend money received through an appropriation, grant, donation, or reimbursement from any public or private source to implement the pilot program.

Sec. 3. Every maternity center and medical care facility licensed by the department of health and environment to operate in the state shall adopt written policies and inform parents regarding their options for disposition or taking of fetal remains in an event of a fetal death.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Approved April 21, 2008.
