

Kansas Pharmacy Act—Minimum Age for Vaccination; Reporting Requirement; Opt Out; HB 2030

HB 2030 amends the Kansas Pharmacy Act to change, from 18 to 12 years of age, the minimum age for a person to whom a pharmacist or a pharmacy student or intern working under the direct supervision and control of a pharmacist is authorized to administer a vaccine, other than the influenza vaccine, pursuant to a vaccination protocol and with the requisite training. Continuing law requires immunizations provided under the authorization of the Kansas Pharmacy Act be reported to appropriate county or state immunization registries. The bill allows the person vaccinated or, if the person is a minor, the parent or guardian of the minor to opt out of the registry reporting requirement.

The bill also requires that, on and after July 1, 2020, physicians and other persons authorized in Kansas to administer vaccines to a person report the administration of a vaccine in the state to the state registry maintained for this purpose by the Secretary of Health and Environment (Secretary). However, the bill allows the person vaccinated or, if the person is a minor, the parent or guardian of the minor to opt out of the registry reporting requirement. The manner and form of the reporting is determined by the Secretary. For this purpose, the bill defines “physician” as a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.