

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 658 requires the State Department of Education and school districts to provide in any notice or publication provided to parents regarding immunization requests the immunization requirements of the school, including the requirement to either provide current, up-to-date immunization records or a signed and completed exemption form. The measure also prohibits any school district, institution of Higher Education, the State Board of Education, or the State Board of Career and Technology Education from requiring a vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition of admittance to or attendance of the school or institution. Such entities are also prohibited from requiring a vaccine passport as a condition of admittance or implementing a mask mandate for students that are not vaccinated against COVID-19.

Additionally, the measure also provides that a board of education for a school district or technology school district may only implement a mandate to wear mask or any other medical device after consultation with the local county health department or city-county health department. Such a mandate must explicitly list the reasons for the mandate and shall reference the specific masks or medical devices that would meet the requirements of the mandate. Any mandate to implement wearing a mask or any other medical device shall be reconsidered at each regularly scheduled board meeting.

CCR Changes

The Conference Committee Report for SB 658 adds new language prohibiting certain entities from implementing mandatory vaccinations as a condition to admittance and from requiring nonvaccinated populations to wear masks. The CCR also adds new language relating to implementing a mask mandate under certain conditions.

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