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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN HEALTH PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS AS FOR OTHER COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130A-155.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-155.1. Submission of certificate to college or universities.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no person shall attend a college or university, whether public, private, or religious, unless a certificate of immunization or a record of immunization from a high school located in North Carolina indicating that the person has received immunizations required by G.S. 130A-152 is presented to the college or university. This-Except as provided in subsection (a1) of this section, this section shall not apply to educational institutions established under Chapter 115D of the General Statutes, or to students registering only in off-campus courses, or to students attending night or weekend classes only, or to students taking a course load of four credit hours or less and residing off campus. The person shall present a certificate or record of immunization on or before the date the person first registers for a quarter or semester during which the student will reside on the campus or first registers for more than four credit hours to the registrar of the college or university. If a certificate or record

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- of immunization is not in the possession of the college or university on the date of first registration, the college or university shall present a notice of deficiency to the person. The person shall have 30 calendar days from the date of the person's first registration to obtain the required immunization. If immunization requires a series of doses and the period necessary to give the vaccine at standard intervals extends beyond the date of the first registration, the student shall be allowed to attend the college or university upon written certification by a physician that the standard series is in progress. The physician shall state the time period needed to complete the series. Upon termination of this time period, the college or university shall not permit the person to continue in attendance unless the required immunization has been obtained.
- (a1) The immunization requirements of this section shall be applicable to students enrolled in institutions established under Chapter 115D of the General Statutes who are enrolled in a health care curriculum that requires clinical training or practice.
- (a2) All institutions of higher education, including community colleges, colleges, and universities, whether public, private, or religious, shall contain in their literature addressed to those enrolling students who are required to produce proof of immunization pursuant to this section the requirements of this section.
- (b) The college or university shall maintain on file immunization records for all persons attending the school which contain the information required for a certificate of immunization as specified in G.S. 130A-154. These certificates shall be open to inspection by the Department and the local health department during normal business hours. When a person transfers to another college or university, the college or university which the person previously attended shall, upon request, send a copy of the person's immunization record at no charge to the college or university to which the person has transferred.
- (c) Within 60 calendar days after the commencement of a new school year, the college or university shall file an immunization report with the Department. The report shall be filed on forms prepared by the Department and shall state the number of persons attending the school or facility, the number of persons who had not obtained the required immunization within 30 days of their first attendance, the number of persons who received a medical exemption and the number of persons who received a religious exemption.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons enrolled in a college or university on or before July 1, 1986 unless after July 1, 1986, the person transfers, interrupts study for a period of six months or more, or graduates."
 - Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1996.