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Senate Bills 1086, 1087, and 1088 (as introduced 4-24-12)

Sponsor: Senator Jim Marleau (S.B. 1086)
Senator Judy K. Emmons (S.B. 1087)
Senator Rebekah Warren (S.B. 1088)

Committee: Health Policy

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CONTENT

Senate Bills 1086, 1087, and 1088 would amend the Public Health Code, the State School Aid Act, and the Revised School Code, respectively, to require all pupils to submit a certificate of immunization upon enrolling in grade 7, rather than grade 6 as currently required; and revise reporting requirements applicable to school districts, intermediate school districts (ISDs), and administrators to reflect this change.

The bills are tie-barred to each other.

Senate Bill 1086

The Public Health Code requires a parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis who is applying to have a child registered for the first time in a school in Michigan, or who has a child entering the sixth grade, to present to school officials a certificate of immunization, or a statement of exemption under Section 9215. A teacher or principal may not permit a child to enter or attend school without the certificate. The bill would apply the immunization requirement to a child entering the seventh grade, rather than the sixth grade, beginning in 2012-2013.

(Section 9215 provides an exemption from the immunization requirement based on medical contraindication or religious convictions or other objection to immunization.)

Senate Bill 1087

The State School Aid Act requires each school district or ISD to report to the applicable local health department the immunization status of each pupil in grades K through 12 who enrolled in the district or ISD for the first time or who enrolled in grade 6 for the first time. The report must be made by November 1 of each fiscal year for pupils who enrolled between January 1 and September 30 of the preceding fiscal year, and again by February 1 of each fiscal year for pupils who enrolled between January 1 of the preceding fiscal year and December 1 of the current fiscal year.

The Act also requires the Department of Community Health (DCH), by December 31 and March 31, to notify the Department of Education by district or ISD of the percentage of entering pupils and of pupils who enrolled in grade 6 for the first time, who do not have a completed, waived, or provisional immunization record.

The bill would refer in these provisions to a pupil who enrolled in grade 7 for the first time, rather than grade 6, beginning in 2012-2013.

Senate Bill 1088

Under the Revised School Code, a child enrolling in a public or nonpublic school for the first time, or enrolling in grade 6 for the first time, must submit one of the following:

- A statement signed by a physician that the child has been tested for and immunized or protected against diseases specified by the Director of the DCH.
- A statement signed by a parent or guardian to the effect that the child has not been immunized because of religious convictions or other objection to immunization.
- A statement signed by a physician that certifies that the child is in the process of complying with all immunization requirements.

The administrator of each school must provide the DCH Director with the immunization status of each pupil in grades K through 12 who enrolled in the school for the first time or enrolled in grade six for the first time.

The bill would refer to a pupil who enrolled in grade 7 for the first time, rather than grade 6, beginning in 2012-2013.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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