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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Huebert
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 13, 2020

Subject: HB 2601 – Required immunizations for child care facilities and school attendance

House Bill No. 2601 (HB 2601) amends two statutes governing the immunizations required for a child to attend a child care facility or school. Current law delegates the regulatory authority to determine which immunizations are necessary for attendance to the Secretary of Health and Environment. HB 2601 would codify in statute those immunizations that are currently required for attendance at a child care facility or school. Except as otherwise provided by the bill, this list could only be amended by legislation passed by the legislature and enacted into law.

HB 2601 also provides two ways in which the Secretary may still modify the list of required immunizations by rules and regulations. First, the Secretary may require an immunization that is not codified if the Secretary finds there is an imminent hazard to the public safety. Any rules and regulations requiring an additional immunization under this provision may only be in effect for one year. After such time the Secretary would need to readopt the rules and regulations in order to continue requiring the immunization.

Second, the Secretary may deem any immunization currently codified as unnecessary or unsafe. Upon such determination by the Secretary the immunization would no longer be required for attendance.

If enacted, HB 2601 would become effective on July 1, 2020.