

1981 Senate Bill 578

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AN ACT to amend 140.05 (16) (a) of the statutes, relating to requiring the department of health and social services to carry out an immunization program to eliminate mumps (suggested as remedial legislation by the department of health and social services).

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the department of health and social services, and introduced by the law revision committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4 of the statutes. After careful consideration of the various provisions of this bill, the law revision committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

SECTION 1. 140.05 (16) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

140.05 (16) (a) The department shall carry out a statewide immunization program to eliminate mumps, measles, rubella (German measles), diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), and poliomyelitis, and protect against tetanus. Any person who immunizes a student under this subsection shall maintain records identifying the manufacturer and lot number of the vaccine used, the date of immunization and the name and title of the person who immunized the student. These records shall be available to the student or the student's parent, guardian or legal custodian upon request.

NOTE: This bill requires the department of health and social services to include mumps as one of the diseases for which it conducts an immunization program. Mumps is still a common disease with potentially serious complications. In 1979, 1,266 cases of mumps were reported in Wisconsin, most frequently among children in the early elementary grades. Mumps is the only childhood disease not included in the immunization law, as originally enacted by chapter 334, laws of 1979.

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