

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 242—ASSEMBLYMEN MABEY AND PARNELL

MARCH 2, 2007

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations requiring the immunization against meningococcal disease of certain students who are enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher Education. (BDR 40-357)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; requiring the State Board of Health to adopt regulations requiring the immunization against meningococcal disease of certain students who are enrolled in an institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 The State Board of Health prohibits a student from attending the University of
2 Nevada, Las Vegas, or the University of Nevada, Reno, unless he submits proof to
3 the university that he has been immunized against the communicable diseases
4 specified by the Board or is excused from being immunized because of a medical
5 condition or religious belief. (NAC 441A.755) This bill requires the Board to adopt
6 regulations requiring the immunization of students who are enrolled in a university,
7 state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education.
8 A student is exempt from the regulations if he has been immunized against
9 meningococcal disease or is excused from being immunized because of a medical
10 condition or religious belief.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 441A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the Board shall adopt regulations requiring the immunization against meningococcal disease of students who are enrolled in a university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education for those students who:

(a) Reside in housing that is offered by or through the System or the institution in which the student is enrolled; or

(b) Are in a category of students for which the Board determines, in consultation with the Chancellor of the System, are necessary to receive the immunization.

2. The regulations adopted by the Board must not require the immunization of students who are enrolled in a university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education but who do not regularly attend classes on a campus of the System, including, without limitation, students who are enrolled in distance education. The Board shall work in consultation with the Chancellor of the System to determine which students do not regularly attend classes on a campus of the System.

3. A student is exempt from the requirement of immunization against meningococcal disease as required by the regulations of the Board if the student submits:

(a) A statement from a licensed physician that the student has a medical condition that does not permit him to be immunized against the disease; or

(b) A statement that the religious beliefs of the student do not permit him to be immunized.

4. If applicable, the university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education shall include the proof of immunization or other statement in the record of the student.

Sec. 2. 1. On or before December 1, 2007, the State Board of Health shall adopt regulations required by section 1 of this act. The regulations must apply to students who initially enroll in a university, state college or community college within the Nevada System of Higher Education on and after July 1, 2008.

2. The State Board of Health and the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada shall ensure that the students enrolled in the Nevada System of Higher Education and their parents are



- 1 adequately informed of the regulations adopted by the State Board
- 2 of Health pursuant to section 1 of this act.
- 3 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

