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*Committee Substitute for*

SENATE BILL NO. 491

(By Senator *Tom Kovich, Mr. President, et al.*)



PASSED March 12, 1987

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
**Senate Bill No. 491**

(SENATORS TONKOVICH, MR. PRESIDENT (BY REQUEST), AND HARMAN,  
*original sponsors*)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article three, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to immunization requirements for school entrance; and providing for provisional enrollment for certain persons having one dose of each vaccine.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section four, article three, chapter sixteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE AND  
OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

**§16-3-4. Compulsory immunization of school children;  
information disseminated; offenses; penalties.**

- 1 Whenever a resident birth occurs, the state director of
- 2 health shall promptly provide parents of the newborn child
- 3 with information on immunizations mandated by this state
- 4 or required for admission to a public school in this state.

5 All children entering school for the first time in this state  
6 shall have been immunized against diphtheria, polio,  
7 rubeola, rubella, tetanus and whooping cough. Any person  
8 who cannot give satisfactory proof of having been  
9 immunized previously or a certificate from a reputable  
10 physician showing that an immunization for any or all  
11 diphtheria, polio, rubeola, rubella, tetanus and whooping  
12 cough is impossible or improper or sufficient reason why  
13 any or all immunizations should not be done, shall be  
14 immunized for diphtheria, polio, rubeola, rubella, tetanus  
15 and whooping cough prior to being admitted in any of the  
16 schools in the state. No child or person shall be admitted or  
17 received in any of the schools of the state until he or she has  
18 been immunized as hereinafter provided or produces a  
19 certificate from a reputable physician showing that an  
20 immunization for diphtheria, polio, rubeola, rubella,  
21 tetanus and whooping cough has been done or is impossible  
22 or improper or other sufficient reason why such  
23 immunizations have not been done. Any teacher having  
24 information concerning any person who attempts to enter  
25 school for the first time without having been immunized  
26 against diphtheria, polio, rubeola, rubella, tetanus and  
27 whooping cough shall report the names of all such persons  
28 to the county health officer. It shall be the duty of the health  
29 officer in counties having a full-time health officer to see  
30 that such persons are immunized before entering school:  
31 *Provided*, That persons enrolling from schools outside of  
32 the state may be provisionally enrolled under minimum  
33 criteria established by the director of the department of  
34 health so that the person's immunization may be completed  
35 while missing a minimum amount of school: *Provided*,  
36 *however*, That no person shall be allowed to enter school  
37 without at least one dose of each required vaccine.

38 In counties where there is no full-time health officer or  
39 district health officer, the county commission or municipal  
40 council shall appoint competent physicians to do the  
41 immunizations and fix their compensation. County health  
42 departments shall furnish the biologicals for this  
43 immunization free of charge.

44 Health officers and physicians who shall do this  
45 immunization work shall give to all persons and children a  
46 certificate free of charge showing that they have been  
47 immunized against diphtheria, polio, rubeola, rubella,

48 tetanus and whooping cough, or he or she may give the  
49 certificate to any person or child whom he or she knows to  
50 have been immunized against diphtheria, polio, rubeola,  
51 rubella, tetanus and whooping cough. If any physician shall  
52 give any person a false certificate of immunization against  
53 diphtheria, polio, rubeola, rubella, tetanus and whooping  
54 cough, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon  
55 conviction, shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more  
56 than one hundred dollars.

57 Any parent or guardian who refuses to permit his or her  
58 child to be immunized against diphtheria, polio, rubeola,  
59 rubella, tetanus and whooping cough, who cannot give  
60 satisfactory proof that the child or person has been  
61 immunized against diphtheria, polio, rubeola, rubella,  
62 tetanus and whooping cough previously, or a certificate  
63 from a reputable physician showing that immunization for  
64 any or all is impossible or improper, or sufficient reason  
65 why any or all immunizations should not be done, shall be  
66 guilty of a misdemeanor, and except as herein otherwise  
67 provided, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of  
68 not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

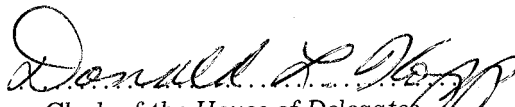
  
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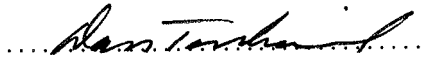
  
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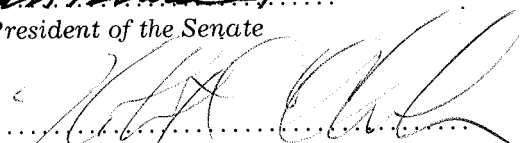
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