

1 AN ACT relating to exceptions to immunization requirements and declaring an  
2 emergency.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO  
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *An independent institution or postsecondary education institution may require a*  
7 *student to receive an immunization for disease in order to attend the institution. If an*  
8 *institution requires an immunization, the institution shall allow a student to be*  
9 *exempted from the immunization if:*

10 *(1) The vaccine is medically contraindicated;*

11 *(2) The student or the student's legal guardian objects to the immunizations due to*  
12 *religious beliefs or other conscientiously held beliefs; or*

13 *(3) The student or the student's legal guardian refuses the vaccine after being fully*  
14 *informed of the health risks.*

15 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 216B IS CREATED TO  
16 READ AS FOLLOWS:

17 *A health facility may require an employee, regardless of employment status, to receive*  
18 *an immunization for disease as a condition of employment. If a health facility requires*  
19 *an immunization, the health facility shall allow an employee to be exempted from the*  
20 *immunization if:*

21 *(1) The vaccine is medically contraindicated;*

22 *(2) The employee objects to the immunizations due to religious beliefs or other*  
23 *conscientiously held beliefs; or*

24 *(3) The employee refuses the vaccine after being fully informed of the health risks.*

25 ➔Section 3. Whereas the civil rights of Kentucky's citizens are to remain  
26 protected against mandatory immunization requirements, an emergency is declared to  
27 exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its

- 1 otherwise becoming a law.