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## DIGEST

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HB 531 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for a cause of action against a school that denies entrance to students because of immunization requirements.

Present law requires each person entering any school for the first time to present satisfactory evidence of immunity to or immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases according to a schedule approved by the office of public health or to present evidence of an immunization program in progress. Exempts a student from this requirement if he submits a written dissent or a doctor's note relative to medical contraindication.

Proposed law authorizes a student who is denied entrance to a school pursuant to present law despite presentation of a written dissent or doctor's note to assert a cause of action for injunctive relief, protective order, writ of mandamus, or declaratory relief and to recover actual damages, court costs, and attorney fees. Provides that such an action may be brought by the student or his parent or guardian and must be brought within two years after the date entrance was denied.

(Amends R.S. 17:170(E))