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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 1953

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to higher education; expanding exceptions from immunizations; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.14, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.14, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. Exemptions from immunization. (a) An immunization listed in subdivision
1.7 2 is not required if the student submits to the administrator a statement signed by a physician
1.8 that shows:

1.9 (1) that, for medical reasons, the student did not receive an immunization;

1.10 (2) that the student has experienced the natural disease against which the immunization
1.11 protects; or

1.12 (3) that a laboratory has confirmed the presence of adequate immunity.

1.13 (b) If the student submits a notarized statement that the student has not been immunized
1.14 as required in subdivision 2 or as required by the institution for other mandated
1.15 immunizations because of the student's conscientiously held beliefs, the immunizations
1.16 described in subdivision 2 or other immunizations mandated by the institution are not
1.17 required. The institution shall forward this statement to the commissioner of health.

1.18 (c) Students who are exempt under this section must be allowed to remain enrolled in
1.19 the institution and experience no disruption in the academic term.

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 135A.14, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 3a. **Notice of exemptions from immunization.** Institutions that mandate  
2.4 immunizations are required to provide a conspicuous notice to students of the exemptions  
2.5 from immunizations under subdivision 3.