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2 Introduced by Representatives Till of Jericho, Bissonnette of Winooski,
3 Clarkson of Woodstock, Dakin of Chester, Jerman of Essex,
4 and Martin of Springfield

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Health; immunizations; exemptions

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to suspend the
9 philosophical and religious exemptions for a specific required vaccine if the
10 immunization rate at a school for that vaccine falls below a 90 percent
11 threshold.

12 An act relating to the immunization rates of students attending public
13 schools

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1122 is amended to read:

16 § 1122. EXEMPTIONS

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18 (d)(1) If the immunization rate for a required vaccine falls below 90
19 percent of all enrollees at a single public school as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11,
20 the Commissioner of Health shall suspend use of the philosophical and

1 religious exemptions under subdivision (a)(3) of this section for that required
2 vaccine as applied to all enrollees of that single public school until a 90 percent
3 immunization rate for the required vaccine is restored among all enrollees of
4 the public school.

5 (2) Any adult working or volunteering in a public school as defined in
6 16 V.S.A. § 11 in which the philosophical or religious exemptions to a
7 required vaccine are suspended pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,
8 who has contact with persons enrolled in that school, shall provide to the
9 appropriate school official a record or certificate issued by a licensed health
10 care practitioner authorized to prescribe vaccines or by a health clinic
11 demonstrating that the adult's immunization status for that required
12 immunization is current in order to continue working or volunteering at that
13 public school.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.