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HOUSE BILL 380

Short Title: Conscientious Objections to Vaccine Mandates. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Almond, Setzer, Balkcom, and N. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION EXEMPTION TO NORTH
CAROLINA'S STUDENT VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 130A-155(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) The school shall file an annual immunization report with the Department by November 1. The child care facility shall file an immunization report annually with the Department. The report shall be filed on forms prepared by the Department and shall state the number of children attending the school or facility, the number of children who had not obtained the required immunization within 30 days of their first attendance, the number of children who received a medical exemption and the number of children who received a religious or conscientious objection exemption."

SECTION 2. G.S. 130A-155.1(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) Within 60 calendar days after the commencement of a new school year, the college or university shall file an immunization report with the Department. The report shall be filed on forms prepared by the Department and shall state the number of students attending the school or facility, the number of students who had not obtained the required immunization within 30 days of their first attendance, the number of students who received a medical exemption and the number of students who received a religious or conscientious objection exemption."

SECTION 3. G.S. 130A-157 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-157. Religious or conscientious objection exemption.

If ~~the bona fide religious beliefs of an adult or the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis of a child~~ has religious beliefs or reasons of conscience that are contrary to the immunization requirements contained in prescribed by this Chapter, the adult ~~or and~~ and the child ~~shall be are~~ exempt from ~~the these~~ requirements. Upon submission of a written statement of the bona fide religious beliefs or reasons of conscience and opposition to the immunization requirements, the person may attend the college, university, school or facility without presenting a certificate of immunization."

SECTION 4. G.S. 115C-76.25(a) reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-76.25. Parent legal rights for their child's education.

(a) Parents have legal rights with regards to their child's education, including the following:

...



(2) The right to seek a ~~medical or religious~~ medical, religious, or conscientious objection exemption from immunization requirements, consistent with the requirements of G.S. 130A-156 and G.S. 130A-157.

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SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to public schools beginning with the 2026-2027 school year and to colleges and universities located in this State beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.