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HOUSE BILL 589

Short Title: LRC/Reevaluate Immunization Requirements. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Earle and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 6, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY
EXISTING CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION LAWS AND REEVALUATE THEIR
EFFECTIVENESS AND NECESSITY IN PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND
SAFETY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) shall study existing
childhood immunization laws enacted under Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 130A of the General
Statutes and reevaluate their effectiveness and necessity for promoting public health and safety.
Specifically, the LRC shall (i) study current medical and scientific evidence on the
immunizations required by Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes, (ii)
study certain health problems that occur after these required immunizations, including potential
links to autism, and (iii) make the following recommendations:

- (1) Whether to add any immunizations to this State's current childhood
immunization schedule.
- (2) Whether to eliminate any immunizations from this State's current childhood
immunization schedule.
- (3) Whether to repeal or amend the current medical exemption set forth in
G.S. 130A-156, the current religious exemption set forth in G.S. 130A-157,
or both.
- (4) Whether to add any exemptions from the immunization requirements
established under Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 130A of the General
Statutes.

SECTION 2. The LRC shall report its findings, together with recommended
changes to Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes, to the 2016 Regular
Session of the 2015 General Assembly upon its convening.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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