

PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION MODULE

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Norman K Thurston

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill requires the Department of Health to create an online education module regarding certain preventable diseases.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► requires the Department of Health to create an online education module for parents of children who are not immune to vaccine-preventable diseases.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26-7-9, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-7-9** is enacted to read:

26-7-9. Online public health education module.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Health care provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section



78B-3-403.

(b) "Nonimmune" means that a child or an individual:

(i) has not received each vaccine required in Section 53A-11-303 and has not developed a natural immunity through previous illness to a vaccine-preventable disease, as documented by a health care provider;

(ii) cannot receive each vaccine required in Section 53A-11-303; or

(iii) is otherwise known to not be immune to a vaccine-preventable disease.

(c) "Vaccine-preventable disease" means an infectious disease that can be prevented by a vaccination required in Section 53A-11-303.

(2) The department shall develop an online education module regarding vaccine-preventable diseases:

(a) to assist a parent of a nonimmune child to:

(i) recognize the symptoms of vaccine-preventable diseases;

(ii) respond in the case of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease;

(iii) protect children who contract a vaccine-preventable disease; and

(iv) prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases;

(b) that contains only the following:

(i) information about vaccine-preventable diseases necessary to achieve the goals stated in Subsection (2)(a), including the best practices to prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases;

(ii) recommendations to reduce the likelihood of a nonimmune individual contracting or transmitting a vaccine-preventable disease; and

(iii) information about additional available resources related to vaccine-preventable diseases and the availability of low-cost vaccines;

(c) that includes interactive questions or activities; and

(d) that is expected to take an average user 20 minutes or less to complete, based on user testing.

(3) In developing the online education module described in Subsection (2), the department shall consult with individuals interested in vaccination or vaccine-preventable diseases, including:

(a) representatives from organizations of health care professionals; and

- 59 (b) parents of nonimmune children.
- 60 (4) The department shall make the online education module described in Subsection
- 61 (2) publicly available to parents through:
- 62 (a) a link on the department's website;
- 63 (b) county health departments, as that term is defined in Section [26A-1-102](#);
- 64 (c) local health departments, as that term is defined in Section [26A-1-102](#);
- 65 (d) local education agencies, as that term is defined in Section [53A-1-401](#); and
- 66 (e) other public health programs or organizations.
- 67 (5) The department shall report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee
- 68 before November 30, 2017, regarding compliance with this section.
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Legislative Review Note
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