



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** S.B. 121 of the 131st G.A.

**Date:** July 1, 2015

**Status:** As Enacted

**Sponsor:** Sen. Hite

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** To require elementary and secondary students to be immunized against meningococcal disease

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to specify the recommended age for compulsory pupil immunization against meningococcal disease and to approve the method of immunization, which will have a negligible effect on ODH's administrative burden.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill requires, with certain exceptions, that pupils who are at least the ODH-recommended age for immunization against meningococcal disease be immunized beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. Because schools are already required to maintain records of other immunizations under current law, there should be no additional cost for schools to comply with this provision.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to specify the recommended age for compulsory pupil immunization against meningococcal disease and approve a method of immunization. This provision will have a negligible effect on ODH's administrative burden.

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, the bill requires pupils who are at least the ODH-recommended age to be immunized against meningococcal disease, with certain exceptions.<sup>1</sup> Under current law, schools must maintain records that show that, upon enrollment, pupils have been immunized against mumps, polio, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, rubeola (measles), and rubella. A pupil entering kindergarten must generally also present written evidence of having been immunized against hepatitis B and chicken pox. Because schools are already required to maintain immunization records, there should be no additional cost in complying with this provision.

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<sup>1</sup> As of January 2015, 25 states require immunizations against meningococcal disease, according to the Immunization Action Coalition ([http://www.immunize.org/laws/menin\\_sec.asp](http://www.immunize.org/laws/menin_sec.asp)).