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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)).