

American Legion Auxiliary  
New Mexico Girls State  
**Bill**



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Bill No: 10 Committee: G

Status:

Passed by:  Committee  House  Senate  Governor

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Simple Title of Bill: Mandatory Vaccinations Required for early education

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HOUSE BILL

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**72<sup>nd</sup> SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2019**

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AN ACT

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RELATING TO VACCINATIONS; MANDATORY THAT ALL CHILDREN SHOW PROOF

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OF VACCINATION BEFORE ENROLLMENT.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW

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MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

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SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. -

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SECTION 2. PROVISIONS. - The purpose of the bill that I propose is to ensure that

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vaccinations shall be obtained by children attending K-12 public schools. I would like to see

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it be made mandatory that all students must be vaccinated. There should not

1 be an option for parents to opt out of this. The purpose of this is to keep other students  
2 healthy and safe. School should be a healthy environment where students can learn  
3 without worrying about the risks from unvaccinated children being contagious. The  
4 likelihood of an unvaccinated child catching a cold or even a disease is much higher than a  
5 vaccinated child. Vaccinations are important because they can protect children from  
6 diseases and serious illnesses. Parents should not have to worry about their children  
7 becoming ill due to being in proximity to children who have not been vaccinated. There are  
8 many diseases that are easily spread and can cause severe reactions and even death. I  
9 believe that students should not have to be endangered unknowingly. There is no way for  
10 people to know who has not been vaccinated, therefore they don't know if their children are  
11 in danger as they may not yet have been vaccinated against that particular illness.  
12 Teachers, students, and other staff members should not be expected to be exposed to  
13 deadly and infectious diseases on a daily basis. I would like to see this become a law so  
14 that students can focus on their studies and other challenges that may come up without  
15 having to worry about their health while in school. There is a very simple solution to this.  
16 Vaccinations are free to the public and are easy to access. There is no reason that this  
17 should be one more worry on parents minds when they send their children to school.  
18 Mandatory shots consist of all shots required at yearly checkups.  
19 If physicians determine that shots are life threatening and medically dangerous that is the  
20 only way children may have the option to opt out.

21 SECTION 3. PENALTY. -

22 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. -

23 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New  
24 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

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- 1 This act shall become effective 90 days after it's passage and approval by the American
- 2 Legion Auxiliary New Mexico Girls State Governor or it's otherwise becoming a law.