

# SENATE BILL No. 585

June 16, 2005, Introduced by Senators OLSHOVE, JACOBS, BASHAM, ALLEN and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending section 9205a (MCL 333.9205a), as added by 2001 PA 163.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 9205a. (1) The department shall identify materials that  
2 contain information regarding the risks associated with  
3 meningococcal disease and the availability, effectiveness, and  
4 potential risks of immunization for meningococcal disease, and  
5 other diseases about which the department may recommend  
6 immunization or immunization information.

7           (2) The department shall notify each institution of higher  
8 education and high school in this state of the availability of the  
9 materials described in subsection (1) and post the materials on its  
10 website.

1           (3) The department shall encourage each institution of higher  
2 education in this state to provide or make available to students  
3 enrolled in the institution of higher education, and each high  
4 school in this state to provide or make available to parents of  
5 students attending the high school, information regarding the risks  
6 associated with meningococcal disease and the availability,  
7 effectiveness, and potential risks of immunization for  
8 meningococcal disease and other diseases about which the department  
9 may recommend immunization or immunization information.

10           **(4) AN INDIVIDUAL ENROLLING IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**  
11 **EDUCATION FOR THE FIRST TIME SHALL SUBMIT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING TO**  
12 **THAT INSTITUTION AND TO THE DEPARTMENT:**

13           **(A) A STATEMENT SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS**  
14 **BEEN TESTED FOR AND IMMUNIZED AGAINST MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE.**

15           **(B) A STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE INDIVIDUAL, OR BY A PARENT OR**  
16 **GUARDIAN IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS A MINOR, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE**  
17 **INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT BEEN IMMUNIZED BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS**  
18 **OR OTHER OBJECTION TO IMMUNIZATION.**

19           **(C) A STATEMENT SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN THAT CERTIFIES THAT THE**  
20 **INDIVIDUAL IS IN THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING TESTING AND IMMUNIZATION**  
21 **AGAINST MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE.**

22           (5) ~~(4)~~ As used in this section, "institution of higher  
23 education" means a degree or certificate granting public or private  
24 college or university, junior college, or community college.