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TITLE: CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON MENINGOCOCCAL

DISEASE TO STUDENTS AT POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.

Summary of Assessment

On and after July 1, 2005, the bill requires each postsecondary education institution (public and private) to provide to each student or to the student's parent or guardian, specified information concerning meningococcal disease. The student, or the student's parent or guardian, is required to acknowledge receipt of the information and indicate whether the student has elected to receive a vaccination for the disease. The bill provides immunity to a postsecondary institution that reasonably complies with the bill's requirements.

The bill is assessed at having no state or local fiscal impact. The Colorado Commission on Higher Education, after canvassing the state universities and colleges, indicates that marginal costs will be incurred under SB 04-57. For the most part, the schools will incorporate into their current health-related or student housing-related information, the required information regarding meningococcal disease. Acknowledgement of receipt of this information will be added to the list of other forms currently required to be signed and returned to the school. The Department of Public Health and Environment indicates that there may be a slight increase in requests for consultations from the schools, but any resulting fiscal impact is expected to be minimal. The bill is effective 90 days after adjournment (August 4, 2004), unless a referendum petition is filed

Departments Contacted

Higher Education Public Health and Environment