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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE USE OF AN IMMUNIZATION VEHICLE BY THE STATE OF**
102 **COLORADO IN ORDER TO INCREASE ACCESS TO IMMUNIZATIONS,**
103 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Instructs the department of public health and environment (the department) to purchase at least one vehicle and equip such vehicle to be an efficient and effective method of delivering vaccinations to infants and children and capable of delivering all immunizations that are recommended by the board of health.

Requires the mobile immunization vehicle to be used by the department to provide immunization services to all areas, schools, or

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school districts of the state, giving priority to areas, schools, and school districts that have low immunization rates. Authorizes the department to operate the program with qualified volunteers. Instructs the department to give at least 72 hours' notice in a reasonable manner to the parents and legal guardians of local children prior to visiting the area, school, or school district to provide service.

Requires the mobile immunization vehicle to provide appropriate immunizations to all infants or children present during a visit whose parent or legal guardian request such immunization service. Instructs the immunization program to seek reimbursement for immunizations provided, unless the recipient of an immunization is covered by the "Colorado Medical Assistance Act" or the immunization is administered pursuant to the distribution program of the "Infant Immunization Act".

Makes an appropriation.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 25-4-1705, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

4 **25-4-1705. Department of public health and environment -**
5 **powers and duties.** (9) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE AND OPERATE
6 THE MOBILE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-4-1712.

7 **SECTION 2.** Part 17 of article 4 of title 25, Colorado Revised
8 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

9 **25-4-1712. Mobile immunization program.** (1) THE
10 DEPARTMENT SHALL PURCHASE AT LEAST ONE VEHICLE AND EQUIP SUCH
11 VEHICLE TO BE AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE METHOD OF DELIVERING
12 VACCINATIONS TO INFANTS AND CHILDREN. SUCH VEHICLE SHALL BE
13 CAPABLE OF DELIVERING ALL IMMUNIZATIONS THAT ARE RECOMMENDED
14 BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

15 (2)(a) THE MOBILE IMMUNIZATION VEHICLE SHALL BE USED BY THE
16 DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE IMMUNIZATION SERVICES TO ALL AREAS,
17 SCHOOLS, OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE, AS DETERMINED BY THE

1 DEPARTMENT, AND SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO AREAS, SCHOOLS, AND SCHOOL
2 DISTRICTS THAT HAVE LOW IMMUNIZATION RATES. SUCH IMMUNIZATION
3 PROGRAM MAY BE OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR BY VOLUNTEERS IF
4 THE PERSON ADMINISTERING THE IMMUNIZATION IS QUALIFIED TO
5 ADMINISTER IMMUNIZATIONS AND IS A PROVIDER AS DEFINED IN SECTION
6 26-4-103 (13.5), C.R.S.

7 (b) PRIOR TO SENDING THE MOBILE IMMUNIZATION VEHICLE TO AN
8 AREA, SCHOOL, OR SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
9 IMMUNIZATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE REASONABLE ATTEMPTS
10 TO NOTIFY THE PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS OF INFANTS AND
11 CHILDREN IN THE AREA, SCHOOL, OR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE PLANNED
12 SERVICE DATE AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO HOURS PRIOR SUCH SERVICE DATE.

13 (3) THE MOBILE IMMUNIZATION VEHICLE SHALL PROVIDE
14 APPROPRIATE IMMUNIZATIONS TO ALL INFANTS OR CHILDREN PRESENT
15 DURING A VISIT WHOSE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUEST SUCH
16 IMMUNIZATION SERVICE. THE MOBILE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM SHALL
17 SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF ANY
18 INFANT OR CHILD IMMUNIZED UNDER THE MOBILE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
19 UNLESS SUCH INFANT OR CHILD IS COVERED BY THE "COLORADO MEDICAL
20 ASSISTANCE ACT" PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 26, C.R.S., OR UNLESS
21 THE IMMUNIZATION IS ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-4-1705 (3).

22 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** In addition to any other
23 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the
24 general fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of public
25 health and environment, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, the
26 sum of _____ dollars (\$____), or so much thereof as may be necessary,
27 for the implementation of this act.

1 **SECTION 4. Effective date.** This act shall take effect at 12:01
2 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after
3 final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting
4 a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state
5 constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act
6 or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act,
7 item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the
8 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the
9 governor.