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SENATE BILL 244

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

INTRODUCED BY  
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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; PROVIDING FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF  
FEMALE STUDENTS TO RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT  
CERVICAL CANCER AND THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE;  
PROVIDING FOR THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE FOR SCHOOL  
ENTRY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 24, Article 5 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE--EDUCATIONAL  
INFORMATION--AVAILABILITY.--

A. On or after July 1, 2009, the parent or guardian  
of a female student who is nine to fourteen years of age prior  
to her admission to a public or private school shall be given  
educational information about the link between human

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1 papillomavirus and cervical cancer and the availability of the  
2 human papillomavirus vaccine.

3 B. After the parent or guardian receives the  
4 information described in Subsection A of this section,  
5 a female student entering the sixth grade shall not be admitted  
6 to any private or public school until the student submits to  
7 the school written evidence that she has been vaccinated for  
8 human papillomavirus or submits notice that her parent or  
9 guardian has elected for her not to receive the vaccine.

10 C. By January 1, 2009, the public health division  
11 of the department of health, after consultation with the public  
12 education department, shall prescribe the content and means of  
13 distribution of the information required by Subsection A of  
14 this section and the appropriate form of evidence or notice  
15 required by Subsection B of this section."

16 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Twenty-five thousand dollars  
17 (\$25,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the  
18 department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 2009 and  
19 2010 to defray the costs of prescribing the content and means  
20 of distribution of educational information to be given to the  
21 parent or guardian of female students nine to fourteen years of  
22 age regarding cervical cancer and the availability of the human  
23 papillomavirus vaccine. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance  
24 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the  
25 general fund.

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