

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 805

Short Title: DHHS Study/Influenza Vaccine Public Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

Referred to: Health Care.

March 25, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
2 DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING
3 A SCHOOL-BASED INFLUENZA VACCINATION PILOT PROGRAM.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public
7 Health, shall study the feasibility of establishing a school-based influenza vaccination pilot
8 program. The purpose of the program would be to vaccinate against influenza all children ages
9 6 months to 18 years in accordance with the recommendations of the National Advisory
10 Committee on Immunization Practices. In conducting the study, the Division shall:

- 11 (1) Examine the costs and benefits of establishing a school-based influenza
12 vaccination pilot program;
13 (2) Identify any barriers to implementing the school-based influenza vaccination
14 pilot program and recommend strategies for removing the barriers; and
15 (3) Determine the fiscal impact to the State of the proposed pilot program.

16 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall report its
17 findings and recommendations to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human
18 Services, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human
19 Services, and the Governor not later than May 1, 2010.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services may seek, receive,
21 and expend funds received through an appropriation, grant, donation, or reimbursement from
22 any public or private source to implement the pilot program.

23 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

