

SB 169
Statewide Immunization Program

Changes from original version “O” to “Y”

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We made a couple changes to the bill that I would like to outline for you:

- The original bill used the name “State Vaccine Assessment Commission “ for the group being set up to administer the vaccine program. However, we decided to change it to the “State Vaccine Assessment ‘Council’ “so it would not in any way be confused by the department or the public with the current state Healthcare Commission.

So you will see that change in several places throughout the bill where the name of the council occurs.

- We changed the term “health care insurer” to an “assessable entity” to be broader; it is also a term that is commonly used in other states with Vaccine Assessment programs such as this. This change is throughout the bill as well.
- On page 5, line 18, the way the definition of assessable entity / health care insurer is written out is different than version O, but by using the reference to AS 21.54.500 in version Y, it still encompasses the detailed list that was written out in O. This language was recommended by Legal Services.