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## Sponsor Statement

### SB 156 Immunization Rights and Relating to Objection to the Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine

*“An act relating to COVID-19 immunization rights; and relating to objection to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine.”*

SB 156 ensures that a state agency or political subdivision of the state may not adopt or issue regulation, ordinance, or similar policy that requires an individual to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to receive public benefit that is available to the public. Essentially, SB 156 ensures the public is not discriminated against based on COVID-19 vaccine status. In addition, the bill seeks to ensure a state agency, an employee of the state may not require an individual to produce documentation of their COVID-19 vaccination status or immunity passport to travel to or within the state. An individual may object to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine based on religious, medical, or other grounds. Parents or guardians may object to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine to the minor child based on religious, medical, or other grounds.