

**HOUSE BILL NO. 279**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHWANKE

Introduced: 1/23/26

Referred: Health and Social Services, Judiciary

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the power of the commissioner of health to require certain  
2 immunizations; relating to immunizations required to participate in youth athletics;  
3 relating to immunizations required by the University of Alaska; relating to the provision  
4 of vaccine information to the parents of minor patients; and providing for an effective  
5 date."

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.30.125 is amended to read:

8           **Sec. 14.30.125. Immunization.** If, in the judgment of the commissioner of  
9 health, it is necessary for the welfare of the children or the general public in an area,  
10 the governing body of the school district shall require the children attending school in  
11 that area to be immunized against the diseases the commissioner of health may  
12 specify. The governing body may require a child to be immunized only with a  
13 vaccine that has received full approval by the United States Food and Drug

1           **Administration.**

2           \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3                   **Sec. 14.30.367. Immunizations required to participate in interscholastic**  
4           **activities.** An association that administers and promotes interscholastic activities in  
5           the state may, in order to participate in an interscholastic activity, require a youth to be  
6           immunized only with a vaccine that has received full approval by the United States  
7           Food and Drug Administration. In this section, "interscholastic activity" has the  
8           meaning given to "interscholastic activities" in AS 14.30.365(c).

9           \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.40 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10                   **Sec. 14.40.053. Immunizations required by the University.** The University  
11           of Alaska may require a student to be immunized only with a vaccine that has received  
12           full approval by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

13           \* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14                   **Sec. 18.05.067. Vaccine information.** Before administering a vaccine to a  
15           child under 18 years of age, a health care provider shall provide to the child's parent or  
16           legal guardian a copy of the statement produced by the United States Centers for  
17           Disease Control and Prevention that describes the risks and benefits of the vaccine or,  
18           if the vaccine is authorized for use because of a public health emergency, a copy of the  
19           vaccine's emergency use authorization fact sheet produced by the United States Food  
20           and Drug Administration. In this section, "vaccine" has the meaning given in  
21           AS 18.09.990.

22           \* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.