

HB 507 -- Vaccinations for First Responders

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to offer a vaccination program for first responders. The bill sets forth the vaccinations that must be offered to first responders. Participation in the vaccination program is voluntary for most first responders. A first responder may be exempt from vaccinations for medical or religious reasons. The department must give priority to first responders if there is a shortage of vaccine. Educational material regarding ways to prevent exposure must also be provided to first responders. The department may contract with other entities for the administration of vaccinations. The program will become effective upon receipt of federal funds.

The bill contains an emergency clause.