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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1590

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES KELLY (45) (Sponsor), MORRIS,  
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 174.335, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 174.335, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 174.335, to read as follows:

174.335. 1. Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year and for each school year thereafter, every public institution of higher education in this state shall require all students who reside in on-campus housing to [sign a written waiver stating that the institution of higher education has provided the student, or if the student is a minor, the student's parents or guardian, with detailed written information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and the availability and effectiveness of] **have received the meningococcal conjugate vaccine unless a signed statement of medical or religious exemption is on file with the institution's administration. A student shall be exempted from the immunization requirement of this section upon signed certification by a physician licensed under chapter 334, indicating that either the immunization would seriously endanger the student's health or life or the student has documentation of the disease or laboratory evidence of immunity to the disease. A student shall be exempted from the immunization requirement of this section if he or she objects in writing to the institution's administration that immunization violates his or her religious beliefs.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15           2. [Any student who elects to receive the meningococcal vaccine shall not be required  
16 to sign a waiver referenced in subsection 1 of this section and shall present a record of said  
17 vaccination to the institution of higher education.

18           3.] Each public university or college in this state shall maintain records on the  
19 meningococcal vaccination status of every student residing in on-campus housing at the  
20 university or college[, including any written waivers executed pursuant to subsection 1 of this  
21 section].

22           [4.] 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring any institution of higher  
23 education to provide or pay for vaccinations against meningococcal disease.

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