

HB 1347 -- MEDICAL MANDATES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPONSOR: Gregory

Beginning in the 2023-24 school or academic year this bill prohibits school districts, public schools, and institutions of higher education from requiring any employee or student to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or gene therapy treatment in order to be physically present at any events, premises, or facilities.

Additionally, a vaccine or gene therapy treatment may not be required as a condition for employment or for acceptance as a student. Testing for COVID-19 may not be done without written consent of the school employee, student, or in the case of a minor student, by all parents or guardians.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development are authorized to investigate and report violations and penalty provisions as outlined in the bill.

The bill allows civil action to be taken against an individual who violates the provisions of this section for any physical, mental or emotional injury.

This bill is similar to SB 159 (2023) and to HB 1475 (2022).