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2023 SENATE BILL 920

January 19, 2024 - Introduced by Senators Nass and Cabral-Guevara, cosponsored by Representatives Sortwell, Goeben, Rozar, Allen, Behnke, Bodden, Brandtjen, Callahan, Dittrich, Edming, Magnafici, Michalski, Murphy, O'Connor, Rettinger, Sapik, Schraa and Schutt. Referred to Committee on Universities and Revenue.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1 AN ACT to create 252.047 of the statutes; relating to: waivers from
- 2 immunization requirements at institutions of higher education.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires any institution of higher education that receives public funding and that requires any student or prospective student to receive an immunization as a condition of attendance to waive the immunization requirement for a student or prospective student if the student or prospective student objects to the immunization for reasons of health, religion, or personal conviction. Under the bill, no institution of higher education may require that a student or prospective student provide any explanation or justification of the student's or prospective student's objection to an immunization. Further, the bill requires an institution of higher education that receives public funding to inform a student or prospective student of the student's or prospective student's right to a waiver from the institution of higher education's immunization requirements in writing at any time the institution of higher education informs the student or prospective student of the immunization requirements.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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252.047 Waiver from immunization requirements at universities, colleges, and technical colleges. (1) In this section, institution of higher education has the meaning given in s. 39.395 (1).

- (2) If any institution of higher education that receives public moneys requires any student or prospective student to receive an immunization as a condition of attendance, the institution of higher education shall waive the immunization requirement if the student or prospective student objects to the immunization for reasons of health, religion, or personal conviction. No institution of higher education may require that a student or prospective student provide any explanation or justification for the student's or prospective student's objection to an immunization under this section.
- (3) At any time an institution of higher education that receives public moneys informs a student or prospective student of any immunization requirements of the institution of higher education, the institution of higher education shall inform the student or prospective student in writing of the student's or prospective student's right to a waiver under this section.