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HEPATITIS A VACCINE PROGRAM

House Bill 4021

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4021 AS INTRODUCED 1-26-99

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to create a voluntary vaccination program for hepatitis A outbreaks. Under the bill, the director of the Department of Community Health would have to make a sufficient amount of hepatitis A vaccine or any other vaccine recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) available to a community pending CDC funding if he or she determined that a hepatitis A outbreak in the community warranted a targeted or widespread vaccination effort. Application would have to be made to the CDC by the director for federal funding and other available assistance after a determination as described above had been made. The director would be required to work in cooperation with local health departments in conducting the vaccination program.

Though the vaccination program would be voluntary, if the owner or operator of a food service establishment, child care center, or other business in a targeted community had all of his or her employees vaccinated, the department or local health department could issue the owner or operator a certificate of compliance that could be displayed publicly. "Food service establishment" is defined in section 12901 of the code and "child care center" is defined in Public Act 116 of 1973 (MCL 722.111).

MCL 333.9251, 333.9233, and 333.9235

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