

**Subject** Allowing a child care provider to adopt an immunization policy

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## Summary

Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.15, provides that a person over the age of two months old must be immunized according to a schedule in statute or be exempt from immunizations to enroll in or maintain enrollment in an elementary or secondary school or a child care facility. One of the allowed exemptions to immunization is if a person has not been immunized because of the conscientiously held beliefs of a parent or guardian and a notarized statement signed by the parent or guardian is submitted to the school or child care facility.

The bill provides that the conscientiously held exemption does not apply to a child enrolling or enrolled in a licensed child care center or a licensed family child care program if the center or program adopts an immunization policy. Under the immunization policy, a center or program may prohibit a child over the age of two months old from enrolling or remaining enrolled in the center or program if the child is not immunized according to the schedule in statute and is not exempt from immunization under Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.15, subdivision 3, paragraphs (a), (c), (e), or (f).