

## HB 690 -- Immunizations for Children

Sponsor: Bahr

This bill allows the Department of Health and Senior Services to develop rules and regulations changing the manner and frequency, including zero frequency, of certain immunizations for school children. However, the department cannot require immunizations for diseases other than those allowed by statute. Currently, a student must provide satisfactory evidence of an immunization to attend school. The bill allows a student to provide evidence of acquired immunity as an alternative.

The bill also changes the requirements for immunizations in order to enroll in any day care, preschool, or nursery school for 10 or more children. Currently, the required immunizations are those specified by the department in accordance with the recommendations of its Immunization Practices Advisory Committee. The bill requires these children to receive the same immunizations that are required for school children and allows the department to change the manner and frequency, including zero frequency, of the specified immunizations.