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SYNOPSIS:

Existing law requires each pupil who is otherwise entitled to admittance to kindergarten or first grade, or any other entrance into an Alabama public or private school, to present a certificate of immunization or testing, commonly known as a Blue Card, for the prevention of those communicable diseases designated by the State Health Officer, unless exempted by religious or medical reasons.

This bill would allow dependents of active duty military personnel to substitute military medical records as evidence of age-appropriate immunization and testing instead of the Blue Card for presentation to a public or private school authority.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Related to Education; to amend Section 16-30-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow dependents of active duty military personnel to substitute military medical records as evidence of age-appropriate immunization and testing in place of the Blue Card for presentation to a public or private school



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29 authority.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

31 Section 1. Section 16-30-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is
32 amended to read as follows:

33 "§16-30-4

34 (a) (1) The boards of education and the governing
35 authority of each private school shall require each pupil who
36 is otherwise entitled to admittance to kindergarten or first
37 grade, whichever is applicable, or any other entrance into an
38 Alabama public or private school, to present a certification
39 of immunization or testing, commonly known as a Blue Card, for
40 the prevention of those communicable diseases designated by
41 the State Health Officer, except as provided in Section
42 16-30-3. Provided, however, that any student presently
43 enrolled in a school in this state, not having been immunized
44 upon initial entrance to school, is hereby required to present
45 a certification of immunization as described in this section
46 upon commencement of the next school year.

47 (2) Dependents of active duty military personnel may
48 satisfy this requirement by the presentation of copies of
49 military medical records reflecting age-appropriate
50 immunizations and testing.

51 (b) Section 16-30-1 and this section shall apply only
52 to kindergarten through 12th grade and not to the institutions
53 of higher learning."

54 Section 2. This act shall become effective on July 1,
55 2025.