

HB 1669-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL                    ***1669-FN***

AN ACT                    relative to restricting data sharing through the state immunization registry.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Layon, Rock. 13

COMMITTEE:          Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

The bill prohibits the department of health and human services from sharing data from the state immunization registry with other organizations unless the department can assure withdrawals from the registry will be honored by the organization. The bill also establishes a position in the department of health and human services to assist in implementation and makes appropriations to the department therefor.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1       1 New Paragraph; State Immunization Registry; Data Sharing. Amend RSA 141-C:20-f by  
2 inserting after paragraph I the following new paragraph:

3           I-a. Prior to entering into an agreement to share personally identifiable information with  
4 any other organization, including but not limited to, other state immunization information systems,  
5 the department shall ensure that withdrawals under paragraph III-a will be honored by that  
6 organization. This paragraph shall not apply to personally identified information extracted from the  
7 state immunization information system by health care providers who care for their patients.

8       2 Department of Health and Human Services; Division of Public Health Services, State  
9 Immunization Registry; Data Sharing; Classified Position Established; Appropriation.

10           I. A systems development specialist IV (Labor Grade 26, Step 3) position is established in  
11 the department of health and human services to support the department's division of public health  
12 services to complete development, testing, implementation, and ongoing maintenance and quality  
13 assurance activities as a result of statutory changes made in this act.

14           II. The sum of \$107,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is hereby appropriated to  
15 the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding the position established in  
16 paragraph I, including related office and travel expenses. In addition to the appropriation and  
17 notwithstanding RSA 14:30-a, the department may accept and expend matching federal funds  
18 without prior approval of the fiscal committee of the general court. The governor is authorized to  
19 draw a warrant for the general fund portion of said sum out of any money in the treasury not  
20 otherwise appropriated.

21           III. Additionally, the non-lapsing sum of \$80,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, is  
22 hereby appropriated to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding the  
23 required one-time enhancement to the New Hampshire immunization information system (NHIIS)  
24 as a result of this act. In addition to the appropriation and notwithstanding RSA 14:30-a, the  
25 department may accept and expend matching federal funds without prior approval of the fiscal  
26 committee of the general court. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for the general fund  
27 portion of said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

28       3 Effective Date.

29           I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

30           II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

**HB 1669-FN- FISCAL NOTE**  
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2024-0619h)

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**    ☒ State                    ☐ County                    ☐ Local                    ☐ None

| Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease) |              |                       |           |           |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | FY 2024      | FY 2025               | FY 2026   | FY 2027   |
| Revenue  | \$0          | \$0                   | \$0       | \$0       |
| Revenue Fund(s)                                | None         |                       |           |           |
| Expenditures                                   | \$0          | \$161,000 - \$181,000 | \$102,000 | \$105,000 |
| Funding Source(s)                              | General Fund |                       |           |           |
| Appropriations                                 | \$0          | \$0                   | \$0       | \$0       |
| Funding Source(s)                              | None         |                       |           |           |

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? ☒ No
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? ☒ No

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from sharing personally identifiable data from the NH Immunization Information System (NHIIS) with other organizations unless withdrawals will be honored by that organization. The bill states that this prohibition shall not apply to information extracted from the NHIIS by health care providers who care for their patients. The Department states that as amended, the bill will require a one-time enhancement to the NHIIS platform, costing \$60,000 - \$80,000 in FY25. In addition, the change will necessitate one ongoing Development Specialist IV position to complete development, testing, implementation, and ongoing maintenance and quality assurance activities. Salary and benefits for this position are expected to cost \$101,000 in FY25, \$102,000 in FY26, and \$105,000 in FY27.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

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