

HB 539-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

539-FN

AN ACT relative to vaccination clinics at schools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Rep. Hoell, Merr. 27; Rep. Bogert, Belk. 5; Rep. Notter, Hills. 12; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7; Rep. Gorski, Hills. 2; Rep. B. King, Hills. 43; Rep. Gagne, Hills. 16; Rep. T. Lekas, Hills. 38

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

 This bill prohibits a public elementary or secondary school from conducting a vaccination clinic during school hours.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

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

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 539-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

METHODOLOGY:

This bill prohibits public elementary, secondary, and charter schools from conducting vaccination clinics during school hours or within two hours of the beginning or end of the school day. In addition, the bill requires a parent or guardian to be present in order for a child to be immunized at a public school vaccination clinic. The Department of Health and Human Services assumes the bill will result in a reduction in the number of vaccination clinics conducted in public schools. This may have an indeterminable effect on Department expenditures, as direct and indirect costs related to vaccine and clinic operational costs fluctuate based on demand and access. Additionally, the Department states that school-based clinics satisfy federal Point of Distribution and Strategic National Stockpile training and exercise requirements. A reduction in the number of clinics may require the Department to secure alternative training and exercise solutions for the state's regional public health networks, at an indeterminable cost.

The Department of Education states the bill will have no fiscal impact.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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