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Title: Support for Public Health Vaccine Initiatives  
Introduced by: Lee P. Begrow, DO, for the Kent County Delegation  
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Referred to: Reference Committee D  
House Action: **APPROVED**

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Whereas, legislation such as House Bills 5162 and 5163 have eroded the ability of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to protect the citizens of Michigan from vaccine preventable infectious diseases, and

Whereas, the MDHHS has the health of all citizens at the center of their policies, and

Whereas, in the case of an outbreak, the MDHHS needs the ability to require additional vaccines to accommodate all patients seeking vaccination, and

Whereas, the MDHHS should also communicate recommended guidelines for the regulation of school attendance of unvaccinated children in educational settings during an outbreak; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS supports the broad authority of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to protect all Michigan citizens from vaccine-preventable disease using evidence-based policies for public health.

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

**Related MSMS Policy:**

**Opposition to Vaccination Exemption Efforts**

MSMS opposes legislation or regulations that prevent local public health officials from excluding unvaccinated children from schools in the event of a disease outbreak.

MSMS supports the requirement in Michigan that parents or guardians who request a nonmedical immunization waiver for their child must first complete mandatory health education from a county health department regarding the benefits of vaccination and the risks of disease before obtaining such waiver. (Res22-16)

**Immunizations and Preventive Health Care for Children**

MSMS supports coverage for preventative health care visits and immunizations for all children. MSMS also supports immunization records being kept by the child’s physician, parents and schools. (Res91-90A and 54-92A)

- Edited 1998
- Reaffirmed (Res56-01A)