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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Institutions of Higher Education - Students - Vaccination for Meningococcal**  
3 **Disease**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain students enrolled in institutions of higher  
5 education to receive a certain vaccination or sign a certain waiver; requiring the  
6 parent or guardian of the student to sign the waiver if the student is a minor;  
7 requiring the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in  
8 consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to adopt certain  
9 regulations; providing that certain institutions of higher education are not  
10 required to provide or pay for vaccinations for meningococcal disease; requiring  
11 the Commission to assist in implementing certain requirements; and generally  
12 relating to vaccination against infectious and contagious diseases.

13 BY renumbering  
14 Article - Education  
15 Section 11-105(s) and (t), respectively  
16 to be Section 11-105(t) and (u), respectively  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1999 Replacement Volume)

19 BY adding to  
20 Article - Education  
21 Section 11-105(s)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1999 Replacement Volume)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

3 Article - Health - General

4 Section 18-102

5 Annotated Code of Maryland

6 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

8 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 11-105(s) and (t), respectively, of Article - Education of

9 the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 11-105(t) and (u),

10 respectively.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland

12 read as follows:

13 **Article - Education**

14 11-105.

15 (S) THE COMMISSION SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND

16 MENTAL HYGIENE IN IMPLEMENTING THE VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED

17 UNDER § 18-102(B) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

18 **Article - Health - General**

19 18-102.

20 (a) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to prevent:

21 (1) The introduction of an infectious or contagious disease into this

22 State; or

23 (2) The spread of an infectious or contagious disease in this State.

24 (b) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN

25 INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO RESIDES

26 IN ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING SHALL BE VACCINATED AGAINST

27 MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE.

28 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL IS EXEMPT FROM THE VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

29 IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF:

30 (I) THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDES ~~THE~~

31 ~~INDIVIDUAL WITH~~ DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH

32 MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AND THE AVAILABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY

33 VACCINE TO:

