

SB840/HB1084

UNFAV

This Bill would violate my medical privacy and endanger children's medical care safety.

SB840 includes verbiage which would allow for pharmacists to administer any vaccines to children ages 3 and over. This is absurd and potentially dangerous. Pharmacists/techs receive only about 3 hours of vaccine training. How is this considered a safe practice for such young children? Just recently in November of 2021 a pharmacy in Virginia administered incorrect dosing to 112 children! This pharmacy KNEW that they did not have the correct dose for children ages 5-11, however, they decided they could make the unauthorized decision to administer doses meant for ages 12 and older at "smaller amounts." They knowingly and carelessly made the medical decision to purposely administer a wrong dosing. This is an extremely dangerous and slippery slope. Vaccines should ONLY be administered to children by licensed medical professionals, not pharmacists! A pharmacy error could have adverse effects or even lead to death. This should worry lawmakers, not encourage you to pave a pathway for even more egregious errors! A bill like this is harmful to children and families. You should be focused on protecting them, not setting them up for medical mistreatment.

I appreciate your time and urgently request that you oppose SB840.

Regards,

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