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2 Introduced by Representatives Till of Jericho, Buxton of Tunbridge, Cole of
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4 Evans of Essex, Jerman of Essex, Mook of Bennington,
5 O'Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, and
6 Wizowaty of Burlington

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Health; public health; immunizations; pertussis

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to remove the
11 religious and philosophical exemptions for immunization against pertussis and
12 to require an adult working in a school or child care facility to keep his or her
13 immunization against pertussis current.

14 An act relating to immunization against pertussis

15 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

16 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1121a is added to read:

17 § 1121a. IMMUNIZATION AGAINST PERTUSSIS

18 (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1122(a)(3) of this title, no person may
19 enroll or be enrolled in a child care facility or a public school as defined in
20 16 V.S.A. § 11 unless the appropriate school or child care official has received

1 a record or certificate issued by a licensed health care practitioner authorized to
2 prescribe vaccines or by a health clinic that the person has received the
3 required pertussis immunization appropriate to age as specified by the
4 Vermont Department of Health.

5 (b) Any adult working or volunteering in a child care facility or a public
6 school, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11, who has contact with persons enrolled at
7 the child care facility or school shall provide the appropriate school or child
8 care official with a record or certificate issued by a licensed health care
9 practitioner authorized to prescribe vaccines or by a health clinic
10 demonstrating that the adult's pertussis immunization status is current.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.