

1 S.103

2 Introduced by Senator Mullin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; public health; immunizations; pertussis

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

10 An act relating to immunization against pertussis

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

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

13 § 1121a. IMMUNIZATION AGAINST PERTUSSIS

14 (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1122(a)(3) of this title, no person may
15 enroll or be enrolled in a child care facility or a public school as defined in
16 16 V.S.A. § 11 unless the appropriate school or child care official has received
17 a record or certificate issued by a licensed health care practitioner authorized to
18 prescribe vaccines or by a health clinic that the person has received the
19 required pertussis immunization appropriate to age as specified by the
20 Vermont Department of Health.

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

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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