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Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; communicable disease; immunizations; adverse reactions;
report

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the Department of Health to submit an annual report to the General Assembly regarding adverse reactions reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System.

An act relating to reporting on adverse reactions related to immunizations

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

2 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1132 is amended to read:

3 § 1132. VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM

4 (a) A health care practitioner administering vaccinations shall report to the
5 Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, in consultation with the patient, or
6 if a minor, the patient's parent or guardian, all significant adverse events that
7 occur after vaccination of adults and children, even if the practitioner is unsure
8 whether a vaccine caused the adverse event.

9 (b)(1) Annually, on or before January 15, the Department of Health shall
10 submit a report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and to the
11 House Committee on Health Care regarding any adverse reactions reported by
12 health care practitioners in Vermont to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting
13 System, including:

14 (A) the total number of adverse reactions reported during the
15 previous calendar year;

16 (B) aggregated reported adverse reactions by immunization type, lot
17 number, and age of recipient if the size of the data set allows;

18 (C) total number and cost of emergency department visits related to
19 reported adverse reactions;

20 (D) total numbers of hospitalizations, permanent disabilities, and
21 deaths related to reported adverse reactions; and

1 (E) a summary of activities undertaken by the Department to support
2 Vermonters filing for compensation pursuant to the National Childhood
3 Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-1 et seq.

4 (2) The Department shall post the report submitted pursuant to this
5 subsection on its website and shall provide electronic copies to health care
6 providers administering immunizations in Vermont.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.