

To: Senate Committee on Education  
From: Kyle Cleys  
Date: April 16, 2015  
Re: Comment on SB 895

Dear Chair Roblan and members of the Senate Committee on Education,  
I have been following Senate Bill 895 dealing with childhood immunizations and reporting of exemptions with some interest. I know there is a work session scheduled today in the Senate Committee on Education so I checked the bill in OLIS to see if there were any recent updates. To my horror I saw Amendment –6. It seems too late to be an April Fool’s joke, so I have to assume it’s serious. This is complete perversion of the original intent of the bill and will do nothing to protect public health. If this is the best the committee can do I would advise dropping the matter entirely. The legislation contained in the original –2 Amendment was quite good and that is the version that the Senate Committee on Education should pass to the full Senate. The amendments since then have gotten progressively worse by including anti-vaccination quacks like naturopaths and chiropractors. I really don’t understand why it should be so difficult for Senators to do the right thing to protect children’s health. The science is quite clear on the overwhelming benefits versus the miniscule risks of vaccines. Don’t let a very vocal, yet very small number of people sabotage efforts to get children vaccinated and to provide exemption data for schools.

Sincerely,  
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