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I urge this bill be amended to limit expanded administration of the flu vaccine in minors by pharmacists to only the nasal vaccine (which is FDA approved for children 2 and older). It is much less potentially toxic than the intramuscular vaccines, more likely to be effective, and doesn't stretch pharmacist injection skills.

We need an evidence-based approach, and the infant vaccine schedule is currently overloaded and hasn't been properly tested in totality. Seasonal flu shots are prepared on the basis of guesswork without the normal safety and efficacy testing and any toxic effect is likely to be amplified in minors.