Introduced by Representatives Till of Jericho, Buxton of Tunbridge, Cole of Burlington, Dakin of Chester, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Evans of Essex, Jerman of Essex, Mook of Bennington, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, and Wizowaty of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Health; public health; immunizations; pertussis

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

An act relating to immunization against pertussis

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

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

§ 1121a. IMMUNIZATION AGAINST PERTUSSIS

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

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

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.