An act relating to the immunization rates of students attending public schools

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1122 is amended to read:

§ 1122. EXEMPTIONS

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(d)(1) If the immunization rate for a required vaccine falls below 90 percent of all enrollees at a single public school as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11, the Commissioner of Health shall suspend use of the philosophical and
religious exemptions under subdivision (a)(3) of this section for that required
vaccine as applied to all enrollees of that single public school until a 90 percent
immunization rate for the required vaccine is restored among all enrollees of
the public school.

(2) Any adult working or volunteering in a public school as defined in
16 V.S.A. § 11 in which the philosophical or religious exemptions to a
required vaccine are suspended pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,
who has contact with persons enrolled in that school, shall provide to the
appropriate school official 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 immunization status for that required
immunization is current in order to continue working or volunteering at that
public school.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.