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House Bill 2376

By Delegates Burkhammer, Mazzocchi, Kimble, and Pinson

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to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §49-2-127b, relating to immunizations; prohibiting the requirement of certain immunizations as condition of being a foster parent.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN.

§49-2-127b. Immunizations not condition of overseeing child in foster care.

Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, if a foster parent objects to immunization of their children on the basis of religious or moral convictions, then the Department of Human Services shall not require the children of the foster parent to undergo any immunization as a condition of the foster parent overseeing a child in foster care.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the requirement that the children of foster parents must be immunized.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.