

Pennsylvania Bill would end religious, philosophical exemptions from vaccines

Pennsylvania requires children to receive vaccinations before they attend school. The law requires children to have been vaccinated for diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, German measles, mumps, hepatitis B, and chickenpox. To avoid vaccinations parents can get exemptions including medical, philosophical, and religious.

Pennsylvania State Senator Daylin Leach has introduced legislation to eliminate the religious exemption and the “philosophical” exemption. Leach’s bill would not affect the medical exemptions.

The law requires us all to get vaccinated to attend school because that’s the only way we can protect the health of students who are medically unable to get a vaccination. Vaccines are safe. The recent outbreak of mumps and measles reminds us that vaccines are absolutely essential to public health.”

Daylin Leach

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