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To require a public education campaign to educate the public regarding the human papillomavirus and the vaccine for this virus, to require a certification by the Department of Health that the vaccine is safe and efficacious, to establish a human papillomavirus vaccination program for females entering grade 6, and to require that a vaccination reporting requirement be established by the Department of Health.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Human Papillomavirus Vaccination and Reporting Act of 2007”.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

- (1) “CDC” means the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- (2) “HPV” means the human papillomavirus.

Sec. 3. Human papillomavirus public education campaign.

By January 1, 2008, the Mayor shall initiate a public information campaign, including multiple HPV vaccine education forums in each ward, aimed at educating the public on:

- (1) The connection between HPV and cervical cancer;
- (2) The importance of protecting oneself against HPV infection;
- (3) The value of screening for cervical cancer through regular pap tests; and
- (4) The effectiveness and risks of the HPV vaccine.

Sec. 4. Department of Health certification.

Within 30 days of the implementation of the HPV vaccination program, the Director of the Department of Health shall provide written certification to the Council that the vaccine is safe and efficacious.

Sec. 5. Human papillomavirus vaccination program.

(a) The Mayor shall:

(1) By January 1, 2009, consistent with the standards set forth by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), establish and implement a HPV vaccination program that includes a requirement that the Department of Health disseminate to all parents or legal guardians information about HPV, including the benefits and risks of the HPV vaccine;

(2) Require all communications from the Department of Health on the HPV vaccination program to prominently feature information pertaining to the ability of parents or guardians to opt out of the program;

(3) Extend, by rulemaking, the HPV vaccination program requirements to males, consistent with standards set forth by the CDC; and

(4) Require the Department of Health to develop reporting requirements for the collection and analyzation of HPV vaccination data.

(b)(1) By the beginning of the 2009 school year, and of every school year thereafter, the parent or legal guardian of a female child enrolling in grade 6 for the first time at a school in the District of Columbia shall be required to submit certification:

(A) That the child has received the HPV vaccine; or

(B) That the child has not received the HPV vaccine because:

(i) The parent or legal guardian has objected in good faith and in writing to the chief official of the school that the vaccination would violate his or her religious beliefs;

(ii) The child’s private physician, his or her representative, or the public health authority has provided the school written certification that the vaccination is medically inadvisable; or

(iii) The parent or legal guardian, in his or her discretion, has elected to opt out of the HPV vaccination program, for any reason, by signing a form prepared by the Department of Health that states the parent or legal guardian has been informed of the HPV vaccination requirement and has elected not to participate.

(2) The form, provided pursuant to paragraph (1)(B)(iii) of this subsection, shall include the parent or legal guardian’s name, address, and telephone number and the name of the child. The form shall be available in English, Spanish, and any other language that the Mayor considers culturally appropriate.

Sec. 6. Rules.

The Mayor, pursuant to Title 1 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this act.

Sec. 7. Applicability.

This act shall apply upon the inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved budget and financial plan.

Sec. 8. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 9. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia