

## SENATE BILL No. 548

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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9 AN ACT relating to the department of health and environment; a school-  
10 based influenza vaccination pilot program; providing for a study.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) The department of health and environment shall work  
14 to increase influenza immunization awareness and participation among  
15 parents of children aged six months to five years in child care facilities.  
16 The official website of the department of health and environment shall  
17 have information on the benefits of annual immunization against influ-  
18 enza for children and its programs offered for the children. The depart-  
19 ment of health and environment shall cooperate with the department of  
20 social and rehabilitation services in order to distribute the information to  
21 the parents and child care facilities effectively in August or September in  
22 every year.

23 (b) The department of health and environment shall conduct a study  
24 of the feasibility of establishing a school-based influenza vaccination pilot  
25 program. The study shall:

26 (1) Examine the costs and benefits of establishing a school-based in-  
27 fluenza vaccination pilot program;

28 (2) identify any barriers to implementing the school-based influenza  
29 vaccination pilot program and recommend strategies for removing the  
30 barriers;

31 (3) determine the fiscal impact to the state of the proposed pilot  
32 program; and

33 (4) use vaccines that speed administration by health officials and with  
34 the least potential adverse events.

35 (c) The department of health and environment shall submit a report  
36 on its findings and recommendations resulting from such study to the  
37 joint committee on health policy oversight before the 2009 legislature  
38 convenes. The joint committee on health policy oversight may introduce  
39 bills or request funding in order to provide for the program.

40 (d) The department of health and environment may seek, receive,  
41 and spend money received through an appropriation, grant, donation, or  
42 reimbursement from any public or private source to implement the pilot  
43 program.

1     Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
2     publication in the statute book.