

S.B. 658

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SUBJECT: Schools

Senate Bill 658 becomes effective July 1, 2021. This bill prohibits local school boards from requiring COVID-19 vaccination for admittance or attendance, requiring vaccine passports, and from implementing a mask mandate for unvaccinated students. It also prohibits a mask mandate unless the local jurisdiction is subject to a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

• Section 1(E): Requires the State Department of Education (OSDE) to ensure every school district provides the following statement on their website and in any notice or publication provided to parents regarding immunization requests for attendance:

"For school enrollment, a parent or guardian shall provide one of the following:

- 1. Current, up-to-date immunization records; or
- 2. A completed and signed exemption form."
- Section 2(A): Prohibits boards of education for public school districts and technology center districts, public and private universities, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, the State Board of Education, and the State Board of Career and Technology Education from:
  - Requiring COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of admittance to or attendance of the school or institution;
  - Requiring a vaccine passport as a condition of admittance to or attendance of the school or institution; or
  - Implementing a mask mandate for students who have not been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Section 2(B): Defines "vaccine passport" to mean documentation that an individual has been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Section 2(C): Exempts any public or private healthcare setting from these requirements.
- Section 3(A): Allows local school districts and technology center districts to implement a mask mandate only under certain conditions.