

### **HB 13 Analysis/Talking Points:**

- Louisiana law already requires that students and parents be informed of the exemptions available regarding vaccinations.
- It is a widely accepted medical principle that promotion of vaccinations in school aged children is essential and effective for lowering the rate of infectious disease spread and the eradication of those infections.
- HB 13 would require these communications and additional communications use a more complex legal description of these exemptions likely creating misconceptions and confusion around the safety of vaccinations.
- This legislation would additionally require that the reminder of those exemptions be expanded to every transition from one level of school to another and any transfer of schools, likely resulting in more vaccine hesitancy and a lower uptake of vaccinations at the school level.
- The digest further suggests that this legislation be interpreted as including follow up communications that should normally function to promote vaccination rates, but may under that interpretation depress those numbers.

### **HB 49 Analysis/Talking Points**

- There is no situation where a non-FDA-approved vaccine would be mandated as a requirement for school enrollment or employment.
- The additional requirements of HB 49 effectively deny employers from the ability to safely operate their businesses and exercise their discretion as business owners.
- The requirement “The vaccination is evaluated for any potential risk of harm to cause cancer, fertility issues, or mutate genes.” does not include any description of how or when those evaluations and determinations would be considered completed. This leaves the door open that schools and employers would be forever barred from such discretion.
- Given the current trial period and the period before vaccinations will actually be available, testing for a 12-month period in a controlled group will effectively have already occurred before any such mandates could/would be contemplated and therefore is unnecessary policy.
- The requirement “Studies are conducted to identify any potential injury or disease caused by the vaccination or when the vaccination is administered with other required or recommended vaccinations.” does not include any description of how or when those evaluations and determinations would be considered completed. This leaves the door open that schools and employers would be forever barred from such discretion.
- The requirement “The rate of permanent disability or death from receiving the vaccination is less than the infection rate associated with the virus.” will at no point be an effective measure as in order to receive FDA-Approval, the rates of disability or death would already have to be dramatically below currently measured infection rates.
- The requirement “The manufacturer of the vaccine has availed himself for liability for any injury or disease caused by the vaccination.” Is a legal question that will be determined by policy makers in separate discussions that are not based in health policy and data therefore isn’t appropriate as a measure for vaccination policy purposes.
- HB 49 would bar hospitals from requiring physicians and staff working in NICU’s and labor and delivery wards with unvaccinated babies to receive the vaccine.
- Also, this would bar faculty and staff of schools, businesses, clinics and more that service immunosuppressed/immunocompromised individuals from requiring the vaccine.