



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 621: 3-Year FDA Approval for New Childhood Vaxx.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Health. If favorable, re-refer to Families, Children, and Aging Policy. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 21, 2023
Introduced by:	Reps. Blackwell, Biggs, Potts, Sasser	Prepared by:	Theresa Matula
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OVERVIEW: *HB 621 would require an immunization to be licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for three years, or to be approved by a three-fifths vote of the members of the Council of State if licensed for less than three years, before being added to the childhood immunization schedule.*

CURRENT LAW: **G.S. 130A-30** provides that the **Commission for Public Health** consists of 13 members: four elected by the NC Medical Society and nine appointed by the Governor. The Governor’s appointees must include a licensed pharmacist, one a registered engineer experienced in sanitary engineering or a soil scientist, one a licensed veterinarian, one a licensed optometrist, one a licensed dentist, and one a registered nurse.

G.S. 130A-152 requires every child present in the state to be immunized against certain specified diseases and gives the Commission for Public Health authority to determine whether children should be immunized against any other disease in the interest of public health.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 621 requires the Commission for Public health to determine that the immunization is in the interest of public health (current requirement) and to also confirm that the immunization has been licensed by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for a minimum of three years. If it has not been approved by the FDA for three years, it must be approved by a three-fifths vote of the members of the Council of State before being added to the State's childhood immunization schedule.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective when it becomes lay and apply to new vaccine requirements established for children in the State on or after that date.

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