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CORRECTION

To Fiscal Note on
sHB-6423, File No. 431

AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS.

The fiscal note to the underlying bill was based on 1,536 religious exemptions. New information provided by the Department of Public Health shows 8,328 religious exemptions for the 2019-2020 school year. Of those students with religious exemptions, 5,667 were enrolled in grades K - 6 (of which 3,797 are estimated to be privately insured and 1,870 estimated to be Medicaid enrolled).

Thus, the fiscal note should have indicated that the FY 22 cost to the Department of Public Health (DPH) is estimated to be less than \$479,000 ($3,797 \times \126 average annual vaccines cost = \$478,422).

For FY 23 only two school cohorts would need to be vaccinated (those entering Kindergarten from Pre-K and those entering 7th grade from grade 6 as immunization requirements are for entry into kindergarten and 7th grade). There were 1,266 students with RE enrolled in Pre-K and grade 6 in the 2019-20 school year of which 848 are estimated to be privately insured and 418 are estimated to be Medicaid enrolled. Thus, the FY 23 cost to DPH is estimated to be less than \$107,000 ($848 \times \126 average annual vaccines cost = \$106,848).

Lastly, the boxes of the fiscal note misidentified the Board of Regents funds that would be impacted by the bill. The description within the fiscal note accurately explained that the bill results in a potential revenue loss in student-generated revenues (tuition, fees, room, and board). The bill results in no General Fund impact to the Board of Regents