

## HB 2037 Talking Points:

Our state government has a duty to inform its citizens of their legal rights, especially when it comes to statemandated medical procedures that can injure or kill. It should be illegal to withhold information from parents about vaccine risks and their legal right to refuse them for school attendance.

- 1. <u>Pennsylvania State Law</u> guarantees both medical and religious exemptions to vaccination for school admission. Under the law, parents, guardians, or emancipated children are able to write and sign a letter stating their objection to vaccinations. The law requires NO additional information such as religious beliefs, clergy approval, or any other additional details.
- 2. Some PA schools have deliberately and repeatedly refused to tell parents about vaccination exemptions, unlawfully asked for reasons for exercising exemptions, and then threatened to ban students from school unless additional vaccines were administered or a vaccination plan was submitted.
- 3. Schools have NO right to mislead families about all legal vaccination options. One Cumberland County school nurse, who was contacted after harassing parents about vaccines, announced in the presence of her principal, "I will not tell parents about exemptions if they don't already know about them."
- 4. **Legislators have consistently supported parental** rights to make medical choices for their children despite several <u>bills to remove some school exemptions</u>. Schools should not be allowed to undermine this protection.
- 5. **Children** who have previously experienced adverse reactions to vaccines **could be further injured** if they were pressured to be vaccinated for school, unaware of legal exemptions.
- 6. Vaccines are pharmaceutical products that carry a risk of injury or death, a fact acknowledged by vaccine producers in their <u>package inserts</u> and by the U.S. Congress in 1986 when it passed the <u>the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986</u>, which grants legal immunity to those who produce and administer vaccines. There is no judge or jury, but cases are held before "Special Masters." Litigation discovery does not apply and most cases are sealed.
- This federal law established the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, which has awarded more than <u>\$3.8 billion</u> to vaccine victims since 1988, even though two out of three vaccine-injured plaintiffs are denied compensation
- 8. Since 1986, the <u>vaccine schedule</u> has tripled with the CDC currently recommending 26 doses of nine vaccines by age one and 69 doses of 16 vaccines by age 18. The first recommended vaccine is

Hepatitis B which is given to 12-hour old newborn babies. This disease is typically transmitted through IV needles or promiscuous sex.

- 9. The current vaccine schedule has NEVER been tested. According to a 2013 Institute of Medicine report, "The committee found no evidence that a trial has ever been conducted to evaluate the entire immunization schedule..." and "Experts who addressed the committee pointed not to a body of evidence that had been overlooked but rather to the fact that existing research has not been designed to test the entire immunization schedule."
- 10. In 2011, the US Supreme Court admitted that all vaccines can cause harm, ruling that they were "unavoidably unsafe."
- 11. Vaccines contain ingredients many would find objectionable, including cell lines obtained from aborted fetuses (listed as human diploid cells), formaldehyde, kidney cells from dogs and monkeys, bovine (cow) serum, aluminum hydroxide which is used to cause asthma in laboratory mice, polysorbate 80, and thimerosal, a mercury derived substance. The CDC Pink Book gives a more complete ingredient list:

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/excipient-table-2.pdf

- 12. In 2013, Phrma.org announced that 271 new vaccines were in development, including for infectious and non-infectious diseases such as gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, HIV/AIDS, genital herpes, RSV, strep B, cytomegalovirus, hepatitis C, tuberculosis, e-coli, salmonella, asthma, diabetes, obesity, as well as anti-cocaine and heroin use. Many of these new vaccines in development will be federally recommended for children.
- 13. Vaccine testing is less stringent than other drugs. The control group is frequently given another vaccine or <u>aluminum</u> for the "placebo" instead of inert saline, minimizing adverse events between the test and "control" groups. Long term monitoring is not required. Participants in the Hepatitis B vaccine trials were monitored for only FIVE DAYS, before the vaccine was approved for newborns.
- 14. Unelected and unaccountable state bureaucrats in the Departments of Health and Education have promulgated new regulations to increase school vaccines mandates, which have the same force as law but were exposed to the daylight of the legislative process. The regulations also shortened the period for provisional school admission pending vaccination from 8 months to five days, despite 2/3 of those who submitted public comments opposing this change.

## **VOTE YES TO HB 2037**