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A Resolution on Student Immunization Policy

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota’s 45,000 public college and university students; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

WHEREAS, several pieces of legislation related to student immunizations were brought forward during the 67th Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota University System (NDUS) currently has an immunization policy that requires students to submit records of their past immunizations in order to be eligible for admittance to an NDUS institution; and,

WHEREAS, the NDUS immunization policy serves to keep a record of students who have chosen not to submit immunization records in order to notify those students and quarantine them in the event of an outbreak at a campus or in a community; and,

WHEREAS, the current NDUS immunization policy allows students to choose not to submit a record of past immunizations if they have a certified medical exemption or personal beliefs that oppose the practice of immunization; and,

WHEREAS, removing the requirement for vaccinations to be admitted to an NDUS institution would pose undue safety risks onto students; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA supports the current NDUS immunization policy to create a safe environment for students and to promote public health at North Dakota institutions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NDSA opposes any changes that would inhibit the ability for safe record keeping and have a negative impact on the safety and health of students.

Approved by the NDSA General Assembly on Saturday, February 20th, 2021.