

CHAPTER 262

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

SENATE BILL 08-044

BY SENATOR(S) Renfroe, Gibbs, Schultheis, Wiens, Williams, Kester, and Taylor;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) McFadyen, Butcher, Gagliardi, and Labuda.

AN ACT**CONCERNING TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 25-4-902.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

25-4-902.5. Immunization prior to attending a college or university - tuberculosis screening process development. (3) (a) EACH COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY IN COLORADO MAY WORK TO CREATE A TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING PROCESS WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING THE PROCESS AS UNIFORM AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT MAY ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN ANY MEETINGS HELD BY THE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES REGARDING THE SCREENING PROCESS. THE SCREENING PROCESS MAY INCLUDE A TUBERCULOSIS RISK QUESTIONNAIRE, A TUBERCULOSIS EDUCATION POLICY, A CLINICAL REVIEW PROCESS FOR EACH COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE, AND FOLLOW-UP TESTING PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DETERMINED TO BE AT RISK FOR TUBERCULOSIS. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2009, THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT WORK TO CREATE A TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING PROCESS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3) SHALL REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, REGARDING ANY LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS NECESSARY REGARDING A TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING PROCESS.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) SHALL NOT APPLY TO A UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE THAT PROVIDES COURSE WORK SOLELY ONLINE.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 21, 2008