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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To rescind, in part, the Director's Journal Entry issued by the Director of Health on October 30, 2026 and to rescind other Director's Journal Entries.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):

WHEREAS, On October 30, 2026, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Journal Entry entitled "Re: Approved Means of Immunization Pursuant to Sections 3701.13 and 3313.671 of the Revised Code"; and

WHEREAS, The October 30, 2026, Director's Journal Entry goes beyond approving methods of immunization against diseases as authorized by division (B)(4) of section 3701.13 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, The October 30, 2026, Director's Journal Entry includes specifications regarding the number of cases of measles and rubella that constitute a public health priority, the number of cases of mumps that constitute an outbreak, and how long students who are exempt from immunization must be excluded from school in such an event; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Health indicated by letter on

October 16, 2026, that provisions of a previously issued, but substantially similar, Director's Journal Entry fall within the Department of Health's responsibility and are authorized under division (C) of section 3701.13 of the Revised Code, which permits the Department to make special or standing orders or rules for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has authority under section 101.36 of the Revised Code to rescind, in whole or in part, a special or standing order or rule for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious disease issued by the Department of Health under section 3701.13 of the Revised Code; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, hereby rescind the following portions of the October 30, 2026, Director's Journal Entry:

The portion that states, "However, in an outbreak situation, a written statement of previous measles disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccination only if it is signed by a physician and gives the month and year of infection.

For purposes of definition, a single (1) case of measles constitutes a public health priority. In accordance with section 3313.671 of the Revised Code, any child in an affected school who cannot show proof of two (2) properly administered measles vaccinations shall be excluded from school attendance until such proof is provided. Children with written waivers or exemptions shall be excluded for 21 days after the onset of the last known case in the affected school.

Pupils receiving their second dose and previously unvaccinated persons receiving their first dose before or within 72 hours of exposure may be readmitted to school. However, these

individuals should be monitored for signs of illness.";

The portion that states, "However, in an outbreak situation, a written statement of previous mumps disease is acceptable in lieu of vaccination, only if it is signed by a physician and gives the month and year of infection.";

The portion that states, "For purposes of definition, a single (1) case of rubella constitutes a public health priority. In accordance with section 3313.671 of the Revised Code, any child in an affected school who cannot show proof of two (2) properly administered rubella vaccinations shall be excluded from school attendance until such proof is provided. Children with written waivers or exemptions shall be excluded for 23 days after the onset of the last known case in the affected school.

Pupils receiving their second dose and previously unvaccinated persons receiving their first dose may be readmitted to school provided all persons without documentation of immunity have been excluded. However, these individuals should be monitored for signs and symptoms of rubella."; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, hereby rescind all Director's Journal Entries regarding approved means of immunization issued prior to the October 30, 2026, Director's Journal Entry; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the Director of Health, the Governor, and the news media of Ohio.