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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE RESOLUTION

NO. 120

Introduced by Senator Pan

August 06, 2018

Relative to immunization

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 120, Pan.

WHEREAS, Vaccines have aided in reducing the burden of widespread and often fatal diseases, enabling individuals to lead longer and healthier lives while reducing health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Vaccine-preventable diseases cause 1.5 million deaths among children worldwide each year; and

WHEREAS, Vaccine-preventable diseases cause 50,000 deaths among adults in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, Although much attention has been paid to the importance of childhood vaccinations, there is a general lack of awareness of adult-recommended vaccines, and a misperception that immunizations are unnecessary for healthy adults; and

WHEREAS, Pneumonia and influenza are the fifth leading cause of death among adults 65 years of age or older, but fewer than 75 percent of those persons are appropriately vaccinated in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) develops recommendations on how to use vaccines to control disease in the United States, and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) sets and periodically updates the United States immunization schedule based on recommendations from the ACIP; and

WHEREAS, For example, the CDC and the ACIP recommend that healthy adults 50 years of age and older be vaccinated against shingles to prevent shingles and shingles-related complications; and

WHEREAS, As an illustration, despite the recommendations of CDC officials and other experts that all healthy adults be vaccinated against shingles, as of 2015 only 30 percent of eligible adults had received the shingles vaccine nationally; and

WHEREAS, The CDC has consistently seen adult vaccination compliance fall below targets, and aims to increase compliance for influenza and pneumococcal vaccination in adults as part of its Healthy People 2020 goals; and

WHEREAS, The annual economic burden of vaccine-preventable diseases in American adults is estimated to be between \$4.7 billion and \$15.2 billion; and

WHEREAS, The Institute of Medicine has stated that one of the six causes of excess costs in the United States health care system is missed prevention opportunities; and

WHEREAS, August is an ideal month for California children and youth to receive immunizations required for elementary and secondary school entrance and elevation, as well as being strongly recommended for students in postsecondary education settings, and for adult parents, guardians and family members in concert with this preparation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate recognizes the month of August 2018 as National Immunization Awareness Month in California to increase public awareness of the importance of all Californians receiving recommended immunizations, and to promote outreach and education efforts concerning vaccination; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate urges the people of California, their state and local public health agencies, and health care practitioners to mark and actively engage in National Immunization Awareness Month in California by, among other activities, discussing the ACIP-recommended immunizations and promoting appropriate programs and initiatives to raise public awareness of the importance of vaccination; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.