

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS21593

Idaho Code 39-4804 (sections 2[b] and 3[b]) requires that when someone opts out of Idaho's immunization registry (IRIS) all information related to that person be deleted from IRIS. The statute specifically states "At the time information is initially collected regarding any child for entry into the registry created pursuant to this chapter, the parent or guardian shall be notified that... At any time they have the right to remove any information from the registry regarding the child." It is necessary to clarify that all information about the person's immunizations will be removed from IRIS, but not all information about the person.

Medical providers across Idaho enter immunization information into IRIS either through direct data entry or through electronic data exchange. It is necessary to maintain a minimum amount of demographic information in IRIS about people who have opted out of the system, so that the system can prevent immunization data about that person from being re-entered. For example, if a provider tried to enter information about an immunization of someone who has opted out of IRIS, the retained information on that individual (name, address, gender and date of birth) will allow IRIS to match that information to the person's incoming information, refuse that data, and alert the provider that the individual has requested to not have his or her immunization information in IRIS.

### FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of this legislation.

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