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TO: Administrators of Public, Private and Parochial Schools in Missouri

FROM: Jeannie Ruth, Chief
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SUBJECT: Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

On August 28, 2008, legislation that addresses educational transition issues of children of military families, House Bill 1678, went into effect. The new compact provides thirty (30) days from the date of enrollment for students to obtain any immunization or initial vaccination for a series of immunizations required by the receiving state.

Schools in Missouri may be affected by this legislation if they have students whose parents are:

- Active duty members of the uniformed services, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders;
- Members or veterans of uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one (1) year after medical discharge or retirement; and
- Members of the uniformed services who die on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty for a period of one (1) year after death.

This legislation may affect the completion of the 2008-2009 Summary Report of Immunization Status of Missouri Public, Private, and Parochial School Children (CD-31), which is due to the Bureau of Immunization Assessment & Assurance (BIAA) on October 15, 2008. Schools with **students who are covered by this legislation** will need the following information for correctly reporting these students:

- Flag immunization records to ensure adequate follow-up at the end of the thirty-day waiver period.
- Indicate the number of *Students noncompliant with immunization records* or the number of *Students noncompliant without immunization records* for each vaccine category on the 2008-2009 CD-31.
- Complete the Report of Students in Noncompliance with Missouri School Immunization Law (Imm.P.10) and indicate “military waiver until _____” in the *Immunization Followup* column.
- Return a copy of the Imm.P.10 with appropriate follow up by November 15, 2008.

More information on this legislation is available at www.dhss.mo.gov/Immunizations. If you have any question, contact BIAA at (573) 751-6124, or contact your regional immunization representative.

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