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## Health Care & Wellness Committee

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### SB 5143

**Brief Description:** Concerning the availability of childhood immunization resources for expecting parents.

**Sponsors:** Senators Becker, Bailey, Dammeier, Rivers, Frockt, Brown and Parlette.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires the Department of Health to develop and make available resources for expecting parents regarding childhood immunizations.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 3/17/15

**Staff:** Alexa Silver (786-7190).

**Background:**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children be immunized against chickenpox, diphtheria, haemophilus influenzae type b, hepatitis A and B, influenza, measles, mumps, pertussis, polio, pneumococcal, rotavirus, rubella, and tetanus. The CDC immunization schedule recommends that specific vaccines be given to a child at birth and at 2, 4, 6, 12, and 15 months of age.

The Department of Health publishes materials related to childhood immunizations on its website, including an e-book, frequently asked questions, and web pages specific to particular vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases. The materials cover topics such as vaccine-preventable diseases, how vaccines work, vaccine ingredients, and vaccine safety.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Department of Health must develop and make available resources for expecting parents regarding recommended childhood immunizations. The resources are intended to be provided to

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expecting parents by health care providers to encourage discussion of childhood immunizations and postnatal care.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.