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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 954

01/26/2023 Authored by Altendorf, Jacob, Fogelman, Murphy and Knudsen The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; prohibiting state agencies and local units of government from
1.3 offering vaccine incentives; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 145.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [145.681] VACCINE INCENTIVES PROHIBITED.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The terms defined in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.8 (b) "Communicable disease" means a disease or condition for which an infectious agent
1.9 may pass or be carried, directly or indirectly, from the body of one person to the body of
1.10 another.

1.11 (c) "Incentive" means an item of value provided to encourage or reward an individual
1.12 for a specific act and may include money, a gift card, a scholarship, or discounted or free
1.13 goods or services.

1.14 (d) "Local unit of government" means a county, statutory or home rule charter city,
1.15 town, school district, or community health board.

1.16 (e) "State agency" means an entity in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of
1.17 state government.

1.18 Subd. 2. Prohibition. A state agency or local unit of government must not offer or
1.19 provide an incentive:

1.20 (1) to an individual to encourage the individual to be vaccinated against a communicable
1.21 disease or to reward the individual for having been vaccinated against a communicable
1.22 disease; or

2.1 (2) to the parent or guardian of a child to encourage the parent or guardian to have the
2.2 child vaccinated against a communicable disease or to reward the parent, guardian, or child
2.3 for having the child vaccinated against a communicable disease.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.