



**Legislation Summary:**

**An Act Promoting Community Immunity**

H.2151/S.1458

Sponsors: Senator Rebecca Rausch, Representative Paul Donato

**What the bill does, why LWVMA supports or opposes it, and the League position relative to this bill.**

This bill ensures that all immunization laws already in place for students in public and private schools, daycare centers, and summer camps be followed.

Specifically, this bill supports student health by providing a consistent immunization policy across all Massachusetts schools, daycare centers and summer camps by requiring standardized data collection and reporting mandates throughout the Commonwealth; allowing for outreach to increase vaccine availability and compliance to achieve 'herd' immunity.

The bill allows aggregate data on schools, day care centers and summer camps to be available to allow parents to make informed choices for their children with immunocompromised conditions.

The LWVUS believes that there should be an emphasis on preventive medicine and consumer education. LWVMA supports a state and regional planning system that will set guidelines for allocations of healthcare resources in MA.

**LWVMA positions to support this bill:** 'an affordable healthcare system that provides equal access to quality health care for all' 'a state and regional healthcare planning system that will set guidelines for allocations of health care resources in Massachusetts' 'consumer education on maintaining health' improving access to health care by removing geographic...barriers'. [Where We Stand](#), p.48