

California bill to tighten vaccine exemptions moves forward

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A bill that would tighten control over vaccination exemptions for

children in California was sent by state senators to the Assembly on Wednesday.

Under the measure, state [public health officials](#), not local doctors, would have the authority to decide which children qualify for medical vaccination exemptions before attending school, the *Associated Press* reported.

The change is needed because some "unscrupulous physicians" have been selling medical immunization exemptions since the state ended nonmedical exemptions in 2016, according to Democratic Sen. Richard Pan of Sacramento, who introduced the proposal. "This is about keeping our community safe," he said.

The United States is facing the highest number of measles cases in decades, with 880 cases reported so far, the *AP* reported.

More information: [AP News Article](#)

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