

## **Sponsor Statement**

### **HB 185 “An act relating to immunization of postsecondary students for meningitis”**

The purpose of this bill is to remove postsecondary educational institutions from the applicability of the provisions of AS 14.48. This also requires postsecondary educational institutions to provide information, and receive a statement from the student having read the information on meningococcal disease prior to attending or living in student housing for said institution. The Center for Disease Control strongly recommends immunizations for all students. This recommendation has been taken seriously to the point that many educational facilities will not admit students without immunizations.