By Senator Altman

A bill to be entitled An act relating to the human papillomavirus; requiring that the Department of Health adopt a rule adding the human papillomavirus to the list of communicable diseases for which immunizations are recommended; requiring that schools provide the parents or guardians of certain public school students information regarding the human papillomavirus and the availability of a vaccine; requiring that the Department of Health prescribe the required information; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) By July 1, 2012, the Department of Health shall adopt a rule adding the human papillomavirus to the list of communicable diseases for which immunizations are recommended.

(2) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, each school shall provide the parent or guardian of a public school student entering grade 6 for whom the human papillomavirus vaccine is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration information, which the Department of Health shall prescribe, regarding the connection between the human papillomavirus and cervical cancer. The information must also notify the parent or guardian that a vaccine is available to help prevent human papillomavirus infection and that the vaccine is recommended to be given to females before they enter grade 8.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.