



# 2018 New York State YMCA

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Committee Assignment: Assembly Liberty 3

Bill #: AL-23

1 **Sponsors:** Thomas Chase, Ryan Penson, James Pinnell

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3 **AN ACT TO:** Require all 9th grade level teenagers to obtain the Gardasil vaccine.

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5 *The People of the State of New York, represented in the*  
6 *Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

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8 **PURPOSE:**

9 We initiate this bill to prevent the spread of STIs and to decrease the risk of cancer  
10 in youth.

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12 **SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

13 Section 1: Definitions

14 Gardasil: Form of the HPV vaccine available for both men and women which  
15 protects against cervical, vulvar,

16 vaginal, and anal cancers and precancers caused by HPV 16 and 18, as well  
17 as genital warts caused by HPV 6 and 11. This vaccines specifically targets  
18 types 6, 11, 16, and 18 of the disease.

19 HPV: Abbreviation for Human Papillomavirus Infection, an STI transmitted through  
20 vaginal, anal, or oral sex.

21 Vaccine: A substance used to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide  
22 immunity against one or several

23 diseases, prepared from the causative agent of a disease, its products, or a  
24 synthetic substitute, treated to act as an antigen without inducing the  
25 disease.

26 STI: Abbreviation for Sexually Transmitted Infection, an infection you can get  
27 through sexual contact.

28 Section 2:

29 (1) All New York State school Students are required to obtain the HPV Vaccine  
30 Gardasil, which targets Types 6, 11, 16, and 18 specifically, in order to enter the  
31 9th grade school year.

32 (2) Obtaining the vaccine consists of three shots administered by a doctor over a  
33 six month period. A patient shall receive their first shot, then after two months  
34 receive the second shot, and four months after the second shot they shall receive  
35 the third and final shot.

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1 **JUSTIFICATION:**

2 9 in 10 people will suffer from an HPV infection in their lifetime. Left untreated  
3 these infections can grow into different types of cancer. Through the use of this  
4 vaccine, rates of HPV infections will dramatically decrease, and an array of different  
5 cancers will also diminish in rate over time.

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7 **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

8 Each shot costs around \$130 to \$150 and after all three shots the total comes to  
9 around \$390 to \$450. Most insurance companies cover the costs. There will be no  
10 fiscal implications to schools or New York State. As of the 2015-2016 school year,  
11 2,640,250 students attended high school in New York State. Assuming the shots  
12 altogether

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14 **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

15 This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the academic school year following  
16 its passage.