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Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 534

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"AN ACT CONCERNING EYE EXAMINATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS."

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) Each local and regional board of education shall
4 require each child to have an eye examination, in accordance with the
5 guidelines of the American Academy of Ophthalmology or the
6 American Optometric Association, prior to enrolling in an elementary
7 school under its jurisdiction for first grade or a higher grade. If a child
8 who is required to have an eye examination fails to obtain such
9 examination, the local or regional board of education may deny
10 continued attendance in a public elementary school to such child.

11 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-206 of the general statutes is
12 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

13 (b) Each local or regional board of education shall require each child
14 to have a health assessment prior to public school enrollment. The

15 assessment shall include: (1) A physical examination which shall
16 include hematocrit or hemoglobin tests, height, weight and blood
17 pressure; (2) an updating of immunizations as required under section
18 10-204a, provided a registered nurse may only update said
19 immunizations pursuant to a written order by a physician or physician
20 assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice
21 registered nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378; (3) vision, except for
22 a child enrolling in an elementary school, hearing, speech and gross
23 dental screenings; and (4) such other information, including health and
24 developmental history, as the physician feels is necessary and
25 appropriate. The assessment shall also include tests for tuberculosis,
26 sickle cell anemia or Cooley's anemia and tests for lead levels in the
27 blood where the local or regional board of education determines after
28 consultation with the school medical advisor and the local health
29 department, or in the case of a regional board of education, each local
30 health department, that such tests are necessary, provided a registered
31 nurse may only perform said tests pursuant to the written order of a
32 physician or physician assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or
33 an advanced practice registered nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter
34 378.

35 Sec. 3. Section 10-208 of the general statutes is repealed and the
36 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

37 No provision of section 10-206, [or] 10-214 or section 1 of this act,
38 shall be construed to require any pupil to undergo a physical or
39 medical examination or treatment, or to be compelled to receive
40 medical instruction, if the parent or legal guardian of such pupil or the
41 pupil, if such pupil is an emancipated minor or is eighteen years of age
42 or older, in writing, notifies the teacher or principal or other person in
43 charge of such pupil that such parent or guardian or pupil objects, on
44 religious grounds, to such physical or medical examination or
45 treatment or medical instruction.

46 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002."