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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 everything after the enacting clause and insert the following
2 in lieu thereof:

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

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 10-206 of the general statutes is

13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

14 (b) Each local or regional board of education shall require each child
15 to have a health assessment prior to public school enrollment. The
16 assessment shall include: (1) A physical examination which shall
17 include hematocrit or hemoglobin tests, height, weight and blood
18 pressure; (2) an updating of immunizations as required under section
19 10-204a, provided a registered nurse may only update said
20 immunizations pursuant to a written order by a physician or physician
21 assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice
22 registered nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378; (3) vision, except for
23 a child enrolling in an elementary school, hearing, speech and gross
24 dental screenings; and (4) such other information, including health and
25 developmental history, as the physician feels is necessary and
26 appropriate. The assessment shall also include tests for tuberculosis,
27 sickle cell anemia or Cooley's anemia and tests for lead levels in the
28 blood where the local or regional board of education determines after
29 consultation with the school medical advisor and the local health
30 department, or in the case of a regional board of education, each local
31 health department, that such tests are necessary, provided a registered
32 nurse may only perform said tests pursuant to the written order of a
33 physician or physician assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or
34 an advanced practice registered nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter
35 378.

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 Section 10-208 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

46 treatment or medical instruction.

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