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Amendment

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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 prior to enrolling in an elementary
6 school under its jurisdiction. If a child who is required to have an eye
7 examination fails to obtain such examination, the local or regional
8 board of education may deny continued attendance in a public
9 elementary school to such child.

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11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

12 (b) Each local or regional board of education shall require each child

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

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 Section 10-208 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

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