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House Bill No. 6373

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. FELTMAN of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION AGAINST MEASLES AND RUBELLA.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10a-155 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2003*):

4 (a) Each institution of higher education shall require each full-time
5 or matriculating student born after December 31, 1956, to provide
6 proof of adequate immunization against measles and rubella before
7 permitting such student to enroll in such institution. Any such student
8 who (1) presents a certificate from a physician stating that in the
9 opinion of such physician such immunization is medically
10 contraindicated, (2) provides a statement that such immunization
11 would be contrary to his religious beliefs, (3) presents a certificate from
12 a physician, or from the director of health in the student's present or
13 previous town of residence, stating that the student has had a

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION AGAINST MEASLES AND RUBELLA**SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates requirements that higher educational institutions obtain proof of adequate measles and rubella immunization before enrolling any full-time or matriculating students who (1) have graduated from Connecticut public or private high schools in 1999 or after and (2) were not exempt from offering proof of immunization when enrolled in those schools for religious reasons or because immunization would be medically contraindicated.

Currently, these institutions must obtain proof of immunization before enrolment for every full-time or matriculating student born after December 31, 1956 unless the student (1) presents a physician's certificate stating that immunization is medically contraindicated, (2) presents a statement that immunization is contrary to his religious beliefs, (3) presents a statement from a physician or director of health from the student's current or prior town of residence showing that he previously had a confirmed case of measles or rubella, or (4) is enrolled exclusively in a program for which students do not congregate on campus for classes or to participate in institutional-sponsored events. Under the bill, proof of immunization would not be required if the student graduated from any Connecticut high school after 1998 and was not exempt from providing proof of immunization when enrolling in school because of the religious or medical contraindication exceptions noted above.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 20 Nay 0

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 21 Nay 0