



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6458

LCO No. 3132

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Each person licensed to practice medicine, surgery, midwifery,
4 chiropractic, natureopathy, podiatry or nursing or to use any other
5 means or agencies to treat, prescribe for, heal or otherwise alleviate
6 deformity, ailment, disease or any other form of human ills, [who has]
7 or any licensed healthcare institution, as defined in section 19a-490,
8 with professional knowledge that any child under [five] nineteen years
9 of age has any [physical defect] special health care need, as defined by
10 the Department of Public Health, shall, within forty-eight hours from
11 the time of acquiring such knowledge, [mail] send to the Department
12 of Public Health a report, stating the name and address of the child,
13 the name and address of the child's parents or guardians, the nature of
14 the [physical defect] special health care need and such other
15 information as may reasonably be required by the department. The
16 department shall prepare and furnish suitable [blanks in duplicate for

17 such reports,] methods for reporting and shall keep each report on file
18 [for at least six years from the receipt thereof and shall furnish a copy
19 thereof to the State Board of Education within ten days] until the child
20 reaches nineteen years of age.

21 (b) The Department of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
22 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the
23 provisions of this section.

24 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Sections 19a-48 to 19a-52, inclusive,
25 and section 19a-54 of the general statutes are repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To revise the statutory requirements for reporting on children with special health care needs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]