



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UMBILICAL
CORD BLOOD BANK FOR CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) On or before October
2 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Public Health shall contract, through a
3 request for proposal process, with one or more public umbilical cord
4 blood banks for a public cord blood collection operation within this
5 state to collect, transport, process and store cord blood units from
6 Connecticut residents for therapeutic and research purposes. The
7 commissioner shall award the contract to the umbilical cord blood
8 bank whose proposal is most advantageous to the state, as determined
9 by the commissioner. No contract shall be awarded under this section
10 to an umbilical cord blood bank unless the bank (1) is accredited as a
11 public umbilical cord blood bank by one of the national accrediting
12 organizations recognized by the federal Health Resources and Services
13 Administration, and (2) has demonstrated compliance with applicable
14 federal Food and Drug Administration requirements.

15 (b) Any such contract shall contain provisions requiring the private
16 umbilical cord blood bank to: (1) Establish and operate one or more

17 collection sites within the state to collect a targeted number of cord
18 blood units; (2) implement collection procedures designed to collect
19 cord blood units that reflect the state's racial and ethnic diversity; (3)
20 set up public cord blood collection operations not later than six months
21 after execution of the contract, provided the umbilical cord blood bank
22 is able to negotiate any necessary contracts related to the collection
23 sites within that time frame; (4) participate in the National Cord Blood
24 Coordinating Center or similar national cord blood inventory center by
25 listing cord blood units in a manner that assures maximum
26 opportunity for use; (5) have a program that provides cord blood units
27 for research and agree to provide cord blood units that are unsuitable
28 for therapeutic use to researchers located within the state at no charge;
29 and (6) maintain national accreditation by an accrediting organization
30 recognized by the federal Health Resources and Services
31 Administration.

32 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a
33 contracting public umbilical cord blood bank from requesting an
34 investment from this state to support collection, transporting,
35 processing and banking of cord blood units, provided a provision is
36 included in the contract requiring the public umbilical cord blood bank
37 to distribute to the state a proportionate amount of funds generated
38 from the sale of cord blood units, either from the public umbilical cord
39 blood bank's general inventory or from the inventory of cord blood
40 units collected within the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for the establishment of a public-private partnership between the state and a public umbilical cord blood bank for the collection, processing and storage of cord blood units from Connecticut residents.

[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.]