



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 260

LCO No. 5588

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR ADOLESCENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-206 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (c) Each local or regional board of education shall require each pupil
5 enrolled in the public schools to have health assessments in either
6 grade six or grade seven and in either grade nine or grade ten. [or
7 grade eleven.] The assessment shall include: (1) A physical
8 examination which shall include hematocrit or hemoglobin tests,
9 height, weight, blood pressure, and, beginning with the 2003-2004
10 school year, a chronic disease assessment which shall include, but not
11 be limited to, asthma as defined by the Commissioner of Public Health
12 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 19a-62a. The assessment form
13 shall include (A) a check box for the provider conducting the
14 assessment, as provided in subsection (a) of this section, to indicate an
15 asthma diagnosis, (B) screening questions relating to appropriate
16 public health concerns to be answered by the parent or guardian, and

17 (C) screening questions to be answered by such provider; (2) an
 18 updating of immunizations as required under section 10-204a,
 19 provided a registered nurse may only update said immunizations
 20 pursuant to a written order of a physician or physician assistant,
 21 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered
 22 nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378; (3) vision, hearing, postural
 23 and gross dental screenings; and (4) such other information including a
 24 health history as the physician feels is necessary and appropriate. The
 25 assessment shall also include tests for tuberculosis and sickle cell
 26 anemia or Cooley's anemia where the local or regional board of
 27 education, in consultation with the school medical advisor and the
 28 local health department, or in the case of a regional board of education,
 29 each local health department, determines that said screening or test is
 30 necessary, provided a registered nurse may only perform said tests
 31 pursuant to the written order of a physician or physician assistant,
 32 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered
 33 nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-206(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To adjust the timing of mandatory health assessments for adolescent students.

[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.]

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