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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT HEALTH DATA.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-206 of the 2008 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (b) Each local or regional board of education shall require each child
5 to have a health assessment prior to public school enrollment. The
6 assessment shall include: (1) A physical examination [which shall
7 include] that includes hematocrit or hemoglobin tests, height, weight,
8 blood pressure, and [, beginning with the 2003-2004 school year,] a
9 chronic disease assessment. [which shall include, but not be limited to,
10 asthma as defined by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to
11 subsection (c) of section 19a-62a.] The assessment form shall include
12 (A) a check box for the provider conducting the assessment, as
13 provided in subsection (a) of this section, to indicate an asthma,
14 diabetes or cardiovascular disease diagnosis, (B) screening questions
15 relating to appropriate public health concerns to be answered by the
16 parent or guardian, and (C) screening questions to be answered by
17 such provider; (2) an updating of immunizations as required under

18 section 10-204a, provided a registered nurse may only update said
19 immunizations pursuant to a written order by a physician or physician
20 assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice
21 registered nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378; (3) vision, hearing,
22 speech and gross dental screenings; and (4) such other information,
23 including health and developmental history, as the physician feels is
24 necessary and appropriate. The assessment shall also include tests for
25 tuberculosis, sickle cell anemia or Cooley's anemia and tests for lead
26 levels in the blood where the local or regional board of education
27 determines after 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, that such tests are necessary, provided a
30 registered nurse may only perform said tests pursuant to the written
31 order of a physician or physician assistant, licensed pursuant to
32 chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered nurse, licensed
33 pursuant to chapter 378.

34 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10-206 of the 2008 supplement to the
35 general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 07-58, is
36 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
37 *1, 2008*):

38 (c) Each local or regional board of education shall require each pupil
39 enrolled in the public schools to have health assessments in either
40 grade six or grade seven and in either grade nine or grade ten. The
41 assessment shall include: (1) A physical examination [which shall
42 include] that includes hematocrit or hemoglobin tests, height, weight,
43 blood pressure, and [, beginning with the 2003-2004 school year,] a
44 chronic disease assessment. [which shall include, but not be limited to,
45 asthma as defined by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to
46 subsection (c) of section 19a-62a.] The assessment form shall include
47 (A) a check box for the provider conducting the assessment, as
48 provided in subsection (a) of this section, to indicate an asthma,
49 diabetes or cardiovascular diagnosis, (B) screening questions relating
50 to appropriate public health concerns to be answered by the parent or

51 guardian, and (C) screening questions to be answered by such
52 provider; (2) an updating of immunizations as required under section
53 10-204a, provided a registered nurse may only update said
54 immunizations pursuant to a written order of a physician or physician
55 assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice
56 registered nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378; (3) vision, hearing,
57 postural and gross dental screenings; and (4) such other information
58 including a health history as the physician feels is necessary and
59 appropriate. The assessment shall also include tests for tuberculosis
60 and sickle cell anemia or Cooley's anemia where the local or regional
61 board of education, in consultation with the school medical advisor
62 and the local health department, or in the case of a regional board of
63 education, each local health department, determines that said
64 screening or test is necessary, provided a registered nurse may only
65 perform said tests pursuant to the written order of a physician or
66 physician assistant, licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced
67 practice registered nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378.

68 Sec. 3. Section 10-206 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes
69 is amended by adding subsections (g), (h) and (i) as follows (*Effective*
70 *July 1, 2008*):

71 (NEW) (g) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with
72 the Commissioner of Education, shall design and establish, within
73 available appropriations, an initiative to determine and report the
74 prevalence of pediatric chronic disease and related risk factors,
75 beginning with a pilot initiative in the 2008-2009 school year and
76 expanding state-wide by the 2011-2012 school year. By April 1, 2009,
77 and annually thereafter, each local or regional school board of
78 education participating in the pilot initiative and, by April 1, 2012, and
79 annually thereafter, each local and regional board of education in the
80 state shall submit a report to the Department of Public Health based on
81 the health assessment records, pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of
82 this section, as amended by this act, of the pupils in the school district
83 under the jurisdiction of such board of education. Such report shall

84 include: (1) The presence of chronic disease and related risk factors;
85 and (2) profiles of each pupil, including, date of birth, sex, race,
86 ethnicity and school enrollment. Such data shall be collected by the
87 department for aggregate data analysis and reporting, but shall not be
88 used to identify or distribute information about any individual pupil,
89 pursuant to this subsection and other applicable state and federal law.
90 The Commissioner of Public Health shall take appropriate action, in
91 reporting such aggregate data, to protect the privacy of pupils,
92 including, but not limited to, withholding data results in cases of small
93 samples of subgroups.

94 (NEW) (h) By October 1, 2009, and every three years thereafter, the
95 Commissioner of Public Health shall review the chronic disease data
96 gathered through the initiative established by subsection (g) of this
97 section, and shall submit a report of findings and recommendations to
98 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
99 cognizance of matters relating to public health, education,
100 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and the select
101 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
102 relating to children, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.
103 Such report shall assess chronic disease trends and distributions
104 among pupils enrolled in public schools state-wide, including, but not
105 limited to, such trends and distributions based on age, sex, race and
106 ethnicity. The initial report shall include an evaluation by the
107 commissioner of the pilot initiative established under subsection (g) of
108 this section.

109 (NEW) (i) For the purposes of this section:

110 (1) "Chronic disease assessment" means an assessment of chronic
111 disease and related risk factors;

112 (2) "Chronic disease" includes, but is not limited to, asthma, as
113 defined by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to subsection
114 (c) of section 19a-62a, diabetes and cardiovascular disease;

115 (3) "Related risk factors" includes, but is not limited to,
116 hypertension, weight status, including overweight, at risk of
117 overweight and underweight, and smoking or tobacco use.

118 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of one hundred fifty thousand
119 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Public Health, from the
120 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for purposes of
121 sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act.

122 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of five hundred twenty-five
123 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Education, from
124 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the
125 purposes of sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-206(b)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-206(c)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-206
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

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