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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING 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 July 1, 2008*) (a) On or before October 1,
2 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, based on the
9 information provided pursuant to section 19a-32m of the 2008
10 supplement to the general statutes and as determined by the
11 commissioner. No contract shall be awarded under this section to an
12 umbilical cord blood bank unless the bank (1) is accredited as a public
13 umbilical cord blood bank by one of the national accrediting
14 organizations recognized by the federal Health Resources and Services
15 Administration, and (2) has demonstrated compliance with applicable
16 federal Food and Drug Administration requirements.

17 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a
18 contracting public umbilical cord blood bank from requesting an
19 investment from this state to support collection, transporting,
20 processing and banking of cord blood units, provided a provision is
21 included in the contract requiring the public umbilical cord blood bank
22 to distribute to the state a proportionate amount of funds generated
23 from the sale of cord blood units, either from the public umbilical cord
24 blood bank's general inventory or from the inventory of cord blood
25 units collected within the state.

26 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) A physician or other health
27 care provider who provides health care services to a pregnant woman
28 during the last trimester of her pregnancy, which health care services
29 are directly related to her pregnancy, shall provide the woman with
30 timely, relevant and appropriate information sufficient to allow her to
31 make an informed and voluntary choice regarding options to bank or
32 donate umbilical cord blood following the delivery of a newborn child.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To promote the establishment of an umbilical cord blood bank in the state.

[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.]