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Raised Bill No. 463

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS ON
MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS AND SHINGLES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) For the 2008-2009 school
2 year, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional board of
3 education shall, not later than October first, provide informational
4 materials concerning meningococcal meningitis to the parents or
5 guardians of all children enrolled in secondary schools under the
6 auspices of such boards of education. Such informational materials
7 shall be developed in collaboration with the Department of Public
8 Health and shall include, but not be limited to, information related to
9 the causes, symptoms and spread of meningococcal meningitis and
10 vaccination information that reflects the current recommendations
11 from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
12 Nothing in this section shall be construed to require schools or the
13 Department of Public Health to administer the meningococcal
14 meningitis vaccine to students. The Commissioner of Public Health
15 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
16 of the general statutes, to effectuate the provisions of this section.

17 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of Public
18 Health shall establish a public information program for the
19 distribution of materials, including, but not limited to, pamphlets,
20 films and public service announcements, on shingles. Such program
21 shall include outreach by the department to health care professionals
22 who customarily treat individuals most at risk for contracting shingles.
23 For purposes of this section, "shingles" means an acute infection
24 caused by the herpes zoster virus.

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>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require: (1) local and regional boards of education, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, to develop informational materials on meningitis that shall be provided to secondary school students at the beginning of each school year and (2) require the Department of Public Health to establish a public information campaign on shingles.

[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.]