



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 463

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**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 by the State Board of Education in collaboration
8 with the Department of Public Health and shall include, but not be
9 limited to, information related to the causes, symptoms and spread of
10 meningococcal meningitis and vaccination information that reflects the
11 current recommendations from the United States Centers for Disease
12 Control and Prevention. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
13 require schools or the Department of Public Health to administer the
14 meningococcal meningitis vaccine to students. The State Board of
15 Education and the Commissioner of Public Health may adopt
16 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
17 general statutes, to effectuate the provisions of this section.

18 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The Department of Public
19 Health shall establish a public information program for the

20 distribution of materials, including, but not limited to, pamphlets,
21 films and public service announcements, on shingles. Such program
22 shall include outreach by the department to health care professionals
23 who customarily treat individuals most at risk for contracting shingles.
24 For purposes of this section, "shingles" means an acute infection
25 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

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