AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BREAST MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING AND PERMITTING DISTRICTS TO JOIN MUNICIPALITIES AND BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PROCURE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 38a-503 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2012):

(a) (1) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), [(6),] (10), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state [on or after October 1, 2001.] shall provide benefits for mammographic examinations to any woman covered under the policy which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements: [(1)] (A) A baseline mammogram for any woman who is thirty-five to thirty-nine years of age, inclusive; and [(2)] (B) a mammogram every year for any woman who is forty years of age or older.

(2) Such policy shall provide additional benefits for comprehensive ultrasound screening and magnetic resonance imaging, of an entire breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or
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dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology or if a woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing or other indications as determined by a woman's physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 38a-530 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective January 1, 2012):

(a) (1) Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide benefits for mammographic examinations to any woman covered under the policy which are at least equal to the following minimum requirements: [(1)]

(A) A baseline mammogram for any woman who is thirty-five to thirty-nine years of age, inclusive; and [(2)] (B) a mammogram every year for any woman who is forty years of age or older.

(2) Such policy shall provide additional benefits for comprehensive ultrasound screening and magnetic resonance imaging, of an entire breast or breasts if a mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology or if a woman is believed to be at increased risk for breast cancer due to family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing or other indications as determined by a woman's physician or advanced practice registered nurse.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 7-464b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2011):
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(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, and the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement, a municipality or a local or regional board of education may join together with any combination of other municipalities and local or regional boards of education by written agreement as a single entity for the purpose of providing medical or health care benefits for their employees. Such written agreement shall establish the membership of such group, the duration of such benefits plan, requirements regarding payment for such benefits plan and the procedures for a municipality or local or regional board of education to withdraw from such group and terminate such benefits plan. Such agreement shall not constitute a multiple employer welfare arrangement, as defined in Section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time. Any group established pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a fictitious group. As used in this section, "municipality" means any town, city or borough, consolidated town and city, [or] consolidated town and borough or any district, as defined in section 7-324.

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