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**Raised Bill No. 189**

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION REGARDING THE IMMUNIZATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-204a of the 2012 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (a) Each local or regional board of education, or similar body  
5 governing a nonpublic school or schools, shall require each child to be  
6 protected by adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis,  
7 tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus  
8 influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule for  
9 active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f before being  
10 permitted to enroll in any program operated by a public or nonpublic  
11 school under its jurisdiction or, if a child has not received a vaccine  
12 required by such schedule for active immunization, is not exempt from  
13 such requirement and is permitted to enroll in any such program, the  
14 public or nonpublic school in which the child is enrolled shall notify  
15 the Departments of Education and Public Health. Before being

16 permitted to enter seventh grade, a child shall receive a second  
17 immunization against measles. Any such child who (1) presents a  
18 certificate from a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice  
19 registered nurse or local health agency stating that initial  
20 immunizations have been given to such child and additional  
21 immunizations are in process under guidelines and schedules  
22 specified by the Commissioner of Public Health; or (2) presents a  
23 certificate from a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice  
24 registered nurse stating that in the opinion of such physician,  
25 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse such  
26 immunization is medically contraindicated because of the physical  
27 condition of such child; or (3) presents a statement from the parents or  
28 guardian of such child that such immunization would be contrary to  
29 the religious beliefs of such child; or (4) in the case of measles, mumps  
30 or rubella, presents a certificate from a physician, physician assistant  
31 or advanced practice registered nurse or from the director of health in  
32 such child's present or previous town of residence, stating that the  
33 child has had a confirmed case of such disease; or (5) in the case of  
34 hemophilus influenzae type B has passed his fifth birthday; or (6) in  
35 the case of pertussis, has passed his sixth birthday, shall be exempt  
36 from the appropriate provisions of this section. If the parents or  
37 guardians of any children are unable to pay for such immunizations,  
38 the expense of such immunizations shall, on the recommendations of  
39 such board of education, be paid by the town.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	10-204a(a)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require schools to report to the Departments Education and Public Health concerning children enrolled in schools who have not had the required immunizations.

*[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.]*