



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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Governor's Bill 5042 – An Act Concerning The Regenerative Medicine Research Fund

The Department of Public Health (Department) supports the transfer of the stem cell research grants-in-aid program from the Department to Connecticut Innovations, Inc. (CI) This transfer will result in more effective and efficient administration by locating the program's support functions within one agency rather than having them divided between the Department and CI. The stem cell research program is more appropriately situated at Connecticut Innovations with its bioscience funding initiatives.