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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 10-204a of the general  
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective from passage*):

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 haemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the  
9 schedule for active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f  
10 before being permitted to enroll in any program operated by a public or  
11 nonpublic school under its jurisdiction. Before being permitted to enter  
12 seventh grade, a child shall receive a second immunization against  
13 measles. Any such child who (1) presents a certificate from a physician,  
14 physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or local health

15 agency stating that initial immunizations have been given to such child  
16 and additional immunizations are in process (A) under guidelines and  
17 schedules specified by the Commissioner of Public Health; or (B) as such  
18 additional immunizations are recommended, in writing on a form  
19 prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health, for such child by a  
20 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse  
21 prior to the first day of regular class sessions for the school year  
22 commencing July 1, 2020, if such child, prior to July 1, 2020, was exempt  
23 from the appropriate provisions of this section upon presentation of a  
24 statement that such immunization would be contrary to the religious  
25 beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian of such child; (2) presents  
26 a certificate, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health  
27 pursuant to section 6 of this act, from a physician, physician assistant or  
28 advanced practice registered nurse stating that in the opinion of such  
29 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse  
30 such immunization is medically contraindicated because of the physical  
31 condition of such child; [or (3) presents a statement from the parents or  
32 guardian of such child that such immunization would be contrary to the  
33 religious beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian of such child,  
34 which statement shall be acknowledged, in accordance with the  
35 provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34 and 1-35, by (A) a judge of a court of  
36 record or a family support magistrate, (B) a clerk or deputy clerk of a  
37 court having a seal, (C) a town clerk, (D) a notary public, (E) a justice of  
38 the peace, (F) an attorney admitted to the bar of this state, or (G)  
39 notwithstanding any provision of chapter 6, a school nurse; or (4)] (3) in  
40 the case of measles, mumps or rubella, presents a certificate from a  
41 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse or  
42 from the director of health in such child's present or previous town of  
43 residence, stating that the child has had a confirmed case of such  
44 disease; [or (5)] (4) in the case of [hemophilus] haemophilus influenzae  
45 type B has passed [his] such child's fifth birthday; or [(6)] (5) in the case  
46 of pertussis, has passed [his] such child's sixth birthday, shall be exempt  
47 from the appropriate provisions of this section. If the parents or  
48 guardians of any child are unable to pay for such immunizations, the  
49 expense of such immunizations shall, on the recommendations of such

50 board of education, be paid by the town. [Before being permitted to  
51 enter seventh grade, the parents or guardian of any child who is exempt  
52 on religious grounds from the immunization requirements of this  
53 section, pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall present to  
54 such school a statement that such immunization requirements are  
55 contrary to the religious beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian  
56 of such child, which statement shall be acknowledged, in accordance  
57 with the provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34 and 1-35, by (A) a judge of a  
58 court of record or a family support magistrate, (B) a clerk or deputy clerk  
59 of a court having a seal, (C) a town clerk, (D) a notary public, (E) a justice  
60 of the peace, (F) an attorney admitted to the bar of this state, or (G)  
61 notwithstanding any provision of chapter 6, a school nurse.]

62 (b) The definitions of adequate immunization shall reflect the  
63 schedule for active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f  
64 and be established by regulation adopted in accordance with the  
65 provisions of chapter 54 by the Commissioner of Public Health, who  
66 shall also be responsible for providing procedures under which [said]  
67 such boards and [said] such similar governing bodies shall collect and  
68 report immunization data on each child to the Department of Public  
69 Health for (1) compilation and analysis by [said] the department, and  
70 (2) release by the department of annual immunization rates for each  
71 public and nonpublic school in the state, provided such immunization  
72 data may not contain information that identifies a specific individual.

73 Sec. 2. Section 19a-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
74 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

75 (a) All information, records of interviews, written reports, statements,  
76 notes, memoranda or other data, including personal data as defined in  
77 subdivision (9) of section 4-190, procured by: [the] (1) The Department  
78 of Public Health, by staff committees of facilities accredited by the  
79 Department of Public Health or the maternity mortality review  
80 committee, established pursuant to section 19a-59i, in connection with  
81 studies of morbidity and mortality conducted by the Department of  
82 Public Health, such staff committees or the maternal mortality review

83 committee, or carried on by said department, such staff committees or  
84 the maternal mortality review committee jointly with other persons,  
85 agencies or organizations, [or procured by] (2) the directors of health of  
86 towns, cities or boroughs or the Department of Public Health pursuant  
87 to section 19a-215, or [procured by] (3) such other persons, agencies or  
88 organizations, for the purpose of reducing the morbidity or mortality  
89 from any cause or condition, shall be confidential and shall be used  
90 solely for the purposes of medical or scientific research and, for  
91 information obtained pursuant to section 19a-215, disease prevention  
92 and control by the local director of health and the Department of Public  
93 Health. Such information, records, reports, statements, notes,  
94 memoranda or other data shall not be admissible as evidence in any  
95 action of any kind in any court or before any other tribunal, board,  
96 agency or person, nor shall it be exhibited or its contents disclosed in  
97 any way, in whole or in part, by any officer or representative of the  
98 Department of Public Health or of any such facility, by any person  
99 participating in such a research project or by any other person, except  
100 as may be necessary for the purpose of furthering the research project to  
101 which it relates.

102 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 55, the Department of  
103 Public Health may exchange personal data for the purpose of medical  
104 or scientific research, with any other governmental agency or private  
105 research organization; provided such state, governmental agency or  
106 private research organization shall not further disclose such personal  
107 data. The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in  
108 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, consistent with the  
109 purposes of this section to establish the procedures to ensure the  
110 confidentiality of such disclosures. The furnishing of such information  
111 to the Department of Public Health or its authorized representative, or  
112 to any other agency cooperating in such a research project, shall not  
113 subject any person, hospital, [sanitarium] behavioral health facility, rest  
114 home, nursing home or other person or agency furnishing such  
115 information to any action for damages or other relief because of such  
116 disclosure. [This section shall not be deemed to affect disclosure]

117        (c) The provisions of this section shall not affect: (1) Disclosure of  
118 regular hospital and medical records made in the course of the regular  
119 notation of the care and treatment of any patient, but only records or  
120 notations by [such] the staff committees described in subsection (a) of  
121 this section pursuant to their work, or (2) release by the Department of  
122 Public Health of annual immunization rates for each public and  
123 nonpublic school in the state pursuant to section 10-204a, as amended  
124 by this act.

125        Sec. 3. Section 10a-155 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
126 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

127        (a) Each institution of higher education shall require each full-time or  
128 matriculating student born after December 31, 1956, to provide proof of  
129 adequate immunization against measles, rubella, [and on and after  
130 August 1, 2010, to provide proof of adequate immunization against]  
131 mumps and varicella as recommended by the national Advisory  
132 Committee for Immunization Practices before permitting such student  
133 to enroll in such institution. [Any such]

134        (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
135 any student who (1) presents a certificate, in a form prescribed by the  
136 Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to section 6 of this act, from a  
137 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse stating that in the  
138 opinion of such physician or advanced practice registered nurse such  
139 immunization is medically contraindicated, [(2) provides a statement  
140 that such immunization would be contrary to his religious beliefs, (3)]  
141 (2) presents a certificate from a physician, an advanced practice  
142 registered nurse or the director of health in the student's present or  
143 previous town of residence, stating that the student has had a confirmed  
144 case of such disease, [(4)] (3) is enrolled exclusively in a program for  
145 which students do not congregate on campus for classes or to participate  
146 in institutional-sponsored events, such as students enrolled in distance  
147 learning programs for individualized home study or programs  
148 conducted entirely through electronic media in a setting without other  
149 students present, [or (5)] (4) graduated from a public or nonpublic high

150 school in this state in 1999 or later and was not exempt from the measles,  
151 rubella, [and on and after August 1, 2010, the] mumps and varicella  
152 vaccination requirement pursuant to subdivision (2) [or (3)] of  
153 subsection (a) of section 10-204a, as amended by this act, or (5) prior to  
154 July 1, 2020, was exempt from the appropriate provisions of this section  
155 upon presentation of a statement that such immunization would be  
156 contrary to his or her religious beliefs and, prior to the first day of the  
157 fall semester of 2020, presents a certificate, in a form prescribed by the  
158 Commissioner of Public Health, from a physician or advanced practice  
159 registered nurse stating that an immunization against measles, rubella,  
160 mumps and varicella has been given to the student and that any  
161 additional necessary immunizations of the student against measles,  
162 rubella, mumps and varicella are in process under guidelines specified  
163 by the Commissioner of Public Health or as recommended for the  
164 student by the physician or advanced practice registered nurse, shall be  
165 exempt from the appropriate provisions of this section.

166 [(b)] (c) Each institution of higher education shall keep uniform  
167 records of the immunizations and immunization status of each student,  
168 based on the certificate of immunization or other evidence acceptable  
169 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The record shall be part of the  
170 student's permanent record. By November first of each year, the chief  
171 administrative officer of each institution of higher education shall cause  
172 to be submitted to the Commissioner of Public Health, on a form  
173 provided by the commissioner, a summary report of the immunization  
174 status of all students enrolling in such institution.

175 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 10a-155b of the general statutes is  
176 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
177 *passage*):

178 (a) For students who first enroll in the 2014-2015 school year, and first  
179 enroll in each school year thereafter, each public or private college or  
180 university in this state shall require that each student who resides in on-  
181 campus housing be vaccinated against meningitis and submit evidence  
182 of having received a meningococcal conjugate vaccine not more than

183 five years before enrollment as a condition of such residence. The  
184 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any such student who (1)  
185 presents a certificate, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner of  
186 Public Health pursuant to section 6 of this act, from a physician, an  
187 advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant stating that,  
188 in the opinion of such physician, advanced practice registered nurse or  
189 physician assistant, such vaccination is medically contraindicated  
190 because of the physical condition of such student, or (2) [presents a  
191 statement that such vaccination would be contrary to the religious  
192 beliefs of such student] prior to July 1, 2020, was exempt from the  
193 provisions of this subsection upon presentation of a statement that such  
194 vaccination would be contrary to the religious beliefs of such student  
195 and, prior to the first day of the fall semester of 2020, presents a  
196 certificate, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health,  
197 from a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician  
198 assistant stating that a meningococcal conjugate vaccine has been given  
199 to such student and that any additional necessary vaccinations of the  
200 student against meningitis are in process under guidelines specified by  
201 the Commissioner of Public Health or as recommended for the student  
202 by the physician, advanced practice registered nurse or a physician  
203 assistant.

204 Sec. 5. Section 19a-79 of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes  
205 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
206 *passage*):

207 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations, in  
208 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes  
209 of sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive,  
210 and to assure that child care centers and group child care homes meet  
211 the health, educational and social needs of children utilizing such child  
212 care centers and group child care homes. Such regulations shall (1)  
213 specify that before being permitted to attend any child care center or  
214 group child care home, each child shall be protected as age-appropriate  
215 by adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus,  
216 poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, [hemophilus] haemophilus

217 influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule of  
218 active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f, [including  
219 appropriate exemptions for children for whom such immunization is  
220 medically contraindicated and for children whose parent or guardian  
221 objects to such immunization on religious grounds, and that any  
222 objection by a parent or a guardian to immunization of a child on  
223 religious grounds shall be accompanied by a statement from such parent  
224 or guardian that such immunization would be contrary to the religious  
225 beliefs of such child or the parent or guardian of such child, which  
226 statement shall be acknowledged, in accordance with the provisions of  
227 sections 1-32, 1-34 and 1-35, by (A) a judge of a court of record or a family  
228 support magistrate, (B) a clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal,  
229 (C) a town clerk, (D) a notary public, (E) a justice of the peace, or (F) an  
230 attorney admitted to the bar of this state,] (2) specify conditions under  
231 which child care center directors and teachers and group child care  
232 home providers may administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child  
233 with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal  
234 preparations, including controlled drugs specified in the regulations by  
235 the commissioner, to a child receiving child care services at such child  
236 care center or group child care home pursuant to the written order of a  
237 physician licensed to practice medicine or a dentist licensed to practice  
238 dental medicine in this or another state, or an advanced practice  
239 registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a,  
240 or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section  
241 20-12d, and the written authorization of a parent or guardian of such  
242 child, (3) specify that an operator of a child care center or group child  
243 care home, licensed before January 1, 1986, or an operator who receives  
244 a license after January 1, 1986, for a facility licensed prior to January 1,  
245 1986, shall provide a minimum of thirty square feet per child of total  
246 indoor usable space, free of furniture except that needed for the  
247 children's purposes, exclusive of toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms,  
248 kitchens, halls, isolation room or other rooms used for purposes other  
249 than the activities of the children, (4) specify that a child care center or  
250 group child care home licensed after January 1, 1986, shall provide  
251 thirty-five square feet per child of total indoor usable space, (5) establish



252 appropriate child care center staffing requirements for employees  
253 certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American Red Cross,  
254 the American Heart Association, the National Safety Council, American  
255 Safety and Health Institute, Medic First Aid International, Inc. or an  
256 organization using guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and  
257 emergency cardiovascular care published by the American Heart  
258 Association and International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation, (6)  
259 specify that [on and after January 1, 2003,] a child care center or group  
260 child care home (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis of a  
261 child's known or suspected allergy or because a child has a prescription  
262 for an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar automatic  
263 injectable equipment used to treat an allergic reaction, or for injectable  
264 equipment used to administer glucagon, (B) shall, not later than three  
265 weeks after such child's enrollment in such a center or home, have staff  
266 trained in the use of such equipment on-site during all hours when such  
267 a child is on-site, (C) shall require such child's parent or guardian to  
268 provide the injector or injectable equipment and a copy of the  
269 prescription for such medication and injector or injectable equipment  
270 upon enrollment of such child, and (D) shall require a parent or  
271 guardian enrolling such a child to replace such medication and  
272 equipment prior to its expiration date, (7) specify that [on and after  
273 January 1, 2005,] a child care center or group child care home (A) shall  
274 not deny services to a child on the basis of a child's diagnosis of asthma  
275 or because a child has a prescription for an inhalant medication to treat  
276 asthma, and (B) shall, not later than three weeks after such child's  
277 enrollment in such a center or home, have staff trained in the  
278 administration of such medication on-site during all hours when such a  
279 child is on-site, and (8) establish physical plant requirements for  
280 licensed child care centers and licensed group child care homes that  
281 exclusively serve school-age children. When establishing such  
282 requirements, the Office of Early Childhood shall give consideration to  
283 child care centers and group child care homes that are located in private  
284 or public school buildings. With respect to this subdivision only, the  
285 commissioner shall implement policies and procedures necessary to  
286 implement the physical plant requirements established pursuant to this

287 subdivision while in the process of adopting such policies and  
288 procedures in regulation form. Until replaced by policies and  
289 procedures implemented pursuant to this subdivision, any physical  
290 plant requirement specified in the office's regulations that is generally  
291 applicable to child care centers and group child care homes shall  
292 continue to be applicable to such centers and homes that exclusively  
293 serve school-age children. The commissioner shall print notice of the  
294 intent to adopt regulations pursuant to this subdivision on the  
295 eRegulations System not later than twenty days after the date of  
296 implementation of such policies and procedures. Policies and  
297 procedures implemented pursuant to this subdivision shall be valid  
298 until the time final regulations are adopted.

299 (b) Any child who (1) presents a certificate, in a form prescribed by  
300 the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to section 6 of this act,  
301 signed by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice  
302 registered nurse stating that, in the opinion of such physician, physician  
303 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse, the immunizations  
304 required pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
305 subsection (a) of this section are medically contraindicated, or (2) prior  
306 to July 1, 2020, was exempt from the immunization requirements set  
307 forth in such regulations upon presentation of a statement that such  
308 immunizations would be contrary to the religious beliefs of such child  
309 or the parents or guardians of such child and, on or before September 1,  
310 2020, presents a certificate, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner of  
311 Public Health, from a physician, physician assistant or advanced  
312 practice registered nurse stating that an immunization against  
313 diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella,  
314 haemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the  
315 schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f has  
316 been given to such child and that any additional necessary  
317 immunizations of such student against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus,  
318 poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, haemophilus influenzae type B  
319 and any other vaccine required by such schedule of active immunization  
320 are in process under guidelines specified by the Commissioner of Public

321 Health or as recommended for the child by the physician, physician  
322 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse, shall be exempt from  
323 the immunization requirements set forth in such regulations.

324 [(b)] (c) The commissioner may adopt regulations, pursuant to  
325 chapter 54, to establish civil penalties of not more than one hundred  
326 dollars per day for each day of violation and other disciplinary remedies  
327 that may be imposed, following a contested-case hearing, upon the  
328 holder of a license issued under section 19a-80 to operate a child care  
329 center or group child care home or upon the holder of a license issued  
330 under section 19a-87b to operate a family child care home.

331 [(c)] (d) The commissioner shall exempt Montessori schools  
332 accredited by the American Montessori Society or the Association  
333 Montessori Internationale from any provision in regulations adopted  
334 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section which sets requirements on  
335 group size or child to staff ratios or the provision of cots.

336 [(d)] (e) Upon the declaration by the Governor of a civil preparedness  
337 emergency pursuant to section 28-9 or a public health emergency  
338 pursuant to section 19a-131a, the commissioner may waive the  
339 provisions of any regulation adopted pursuant to this section if the  
340 commissioner determines that such waiver would not endanger the life,  
341 safety or health of any child. The commissioner shall prescribe the  
342 duration of such waiver, provided such waiver shall not extend beyond  
343 the duration of the declared emergency. The commissioner shall  
344 establish the criteria by which a waiver request shall be made and the  
345 conditions for which a waiver will be granted or denied. The provisions  
346 of section 19a-84 shall not apply to a denial of a waiver request under  
347 this subsection.

348 [(e)] (f) Any child care center or group child care home may provide  
349 child care services to homeless children and youths, as defined in 42  
350 USC 11434a, as amended from time to time, for a period not to exceed  
351 ninety days without complying with any provision in regulations  
352 adopted pursuant to this section relating to immunization and physical

353 examination requirements. Any child care center or group child care  
354 home that provides child care services to homeless children and youths  
355 at such center or home under this subsection shall maintain a record on  
356 file of all homeless children and youths who have attended such center  
357 or home for a period of two years after such homeless children or youths  
358 are no longer receiving child care services at such center or home.

359       [(f)] (g) Any child care center or group child care home may provide  
360 child care services to a foster child for a period not to exceed forty-five  
361 days without complying with any provision in regulations adopted  
362 pursuant to this section relating to immunization and physical  
363 examination requirements. Any child care center or group child care  
364 home that provides child care services to a foster child at such center or  
365 home under this subsection shall maintain a record on file of such foster  
366 child for a period of two years after such foster child is no longer  
367 receiving child care services at such center or home. For purposes of this  
368 subsection, "foster child" means a child who is in the care and custody  
369 of the Commissioner of Children and Families and placed in a foster  
370 home licensed pursuant to section 17a-114, foster home approved by a  
371 child-placing agency licensed pursuant to section 17a-149, facility  
372 licensed pursuant to section 17a-145 or with a relative or fictive kin  
373 caregiver pursuant to section 17a-114.

374       Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) On or before October 1, 2020, the  
375 Commissioner of Public Health shall develop and make available on the  
376 Internet web site of the Department of Public Health a certificate for use  
377 by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered  
378 nurse stating that, in the opinion of such physician, physician assistant  
379 or advanced practice registered nurse, a vaccination required by the  
380 general statutes is medically contraindicated for a person because of the  
381 physical condition of such person. The certificate shall include (1)  
382 definitions of the terms "contraindication" and "precaution", (2) a list of  
383 contraindications and precautions recognized by the National Centers  
384 for Disease Control and Prevention for each of the statutorily required  
385 vaccinations, from which the physician, physician assistant or advanced  
386 practice registered nurse may select the relevant contraindication or

387 precaution on behalf of such person, (3) a section in which the physician,  
388 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse may record a  
389 contraindication or precaution that is not recognized by the National  
390 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but in his or her discretion,  
391 results in the vaccination being medically contraindicated, (4) a section  
392 in which the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice  
393 registered nurse may include a written explanation for the exemption  
394 from any statutorily required vaccinations, (5) a section requiring the  
395 signature of the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice  
396 registered nurse, (6) a requirement that the physician, physician  
397 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse attach such person's  
398 most current immunization record, and (7) a synopsis of the grounds for  
399 any order of quarantine or isolation pursuant to section 19a-131b of the  
400 general statutes.

401       Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an  
402 Advisory Committee on Medically Contraindicated Vaccinations within  
403 the Department of Public Health for the purpose of advising the  
404 Commissioner of Public Health on issues concerning exemptions from  
405 state or federal requirements for vaccinations that result from a  
406 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse  
407 stating that a vaccination is medically contraindicated for a person due  
408 to the medical condition of such person. For the purpose of performing  
409 its function, the advisory committee shall (1) have access to the  
410 childhood immunization registry established by the department  
411 pursuant to section 19a-7h of the general statutes, (2) evaluate the  
412 process used by the Department of Public Health in collecting data  
413 concerning exemptions resulting from a vaccination being medically  
414 contraindicated and whether the department should have any oversight  
415 over such exemptions, (3) examine whether enrollment of an  
416 unvaccinated child into a program operated by a public or nonpublic  
417 school, institution of higher education, child care center or group child  
418 care home should be conditioned upon the child meeting certain  
419 criteria, (4) calculate the ratio of school nurses to students in each public  
420 and nonpublic school in the state and the funding issues surrounding

421 such ratio, (5) assess whether immunizations should be required more  
422 frequently than prior to enrollment into a program operated by a public  
423 or nonpublic school and prior to entering seventh grade, and (6)  
424 determine whether (A) there are any discrepancies in the issuance of  
425 certificates stating that a vaccine is medically contraindicated, and (B) to  
426 recommend continuing education of physicians, physician assistants or  
427 advanced practice registered nurses in vaccine contraindications and  
428 precautions. All information obtained by the advisory committee from  
429 such registry shall be confidential pursuant to section 19a-25 of the  
430 general statutes, as amended by this act.

431 (b) The advisory committee shall consist of the following members:

432 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
433 one of whom shall be a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the  
434 general statutes who is a pediatrician, and one of whom shall be a  
435 member of the public;

436 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of  
437 whom shall be a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the  
438 general statutes who has expertise in the efficacy of vaccines, and one of  
439 whom shall be a member of the public;

440 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
441 Representatives, who shall be a school nurse;

442 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
443 a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general  
444 statutes who has experience in the administration of vaccines;

445 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
446 Representatives, who shall be an advanced practice registered nurse  
447 licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes who has  
448 experience in the administration of vaccines;

449 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
450 a representative of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy

451 of Pediatrics;

452 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
453 designee; and

454 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

455 (c) The advisory committee shall meet not less than biannually. On or  
456 before January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the committee shall  
457 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
458 statutes, on its activities and findings to the joint standing committee of  
459 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
460 health.

461 Sec. 8. Subsection (f) of section 19a-87b of the 2020 supplement to the  
462 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
463 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

464 (f) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
465 provisions of chapter 54, to assure that family child care homes, as  
466 defined in section 19a-77, meet the health, educational and social needs  
467 of children utilizing such homes. Such regulations shall ensure that the  
468 family child care home is treated as a residence, and not an institutional  
469 facility. Such regulations shall specify that each child be protected as  
470 age-appropriate by adequate immunization against diphtheria,  
471 pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella,  
472 [hemophilus] haemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine  
473 required by the schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to  
474 section 19a-7f. Such regulations shall provide appropriate exemptions  
475 for children for whom such immunization is medically contraindicated  
476 and for children whose parents or guardian objects to such  
477 immunization on religious grounds and require that any such objection  
478 be accompanied by a statement from such parents or guardian that such  
479 immunization would be contrary to the religious beliefs of such child or  
480 the parents or guardian of such child, which statement shall be  
481 acknowledged, in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34  
482 and 1-35, by (1) a judge of a court of record or a family support

483 magistrate, (2) a clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, (3) a town  
 484 clerk, (4) a notary public, (5) a justice of the peace, or (6) an attorney  
 485 admitted to the bar of this state. Such regulations shall also specify  
 486 conditions under which family child care home providers may  
 487 administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed  
 488 diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including  
 489 controlled drugs specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a  
 490 child receiving child care services at a family child care home pursuant  
 491 to a written order of a physician licensed to practice medicine in this or  
 492 another state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to  
 493 prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a or a physician assistant  
 494 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written  
 495 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child. Such regulations  
 496 shall specify appropriate standards for extended care and intermittent  
 497 short-term overnight care. The commissioner shall inform each licensee,  
 498 by way of a plain language summary provided not later than sixty days  
 499 after the regulation's effective date, of any new or changed regulations  
 500 adopted under this subsection with which a licensee must comply.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-204a(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	19a-25
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10a-155
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	10a-155b(a)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	19a-79
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	19a-87b(f)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect the public health by ensuring adequate and appropriate immunizations of children.

*[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.]*