



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6423** File No. 431 Cal. No. 320

(As Amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "G")

"AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Except in the case of a public
4 health emergency declared pursuant to section 19a-131a of the general
5 statutes, no child, pupil or student shall be unenrolled from or
6 prevented from enrolling at any (1) public or private school, including
7 an institution of higher education, or (2) child care center, group or
8 family day care home, for violating the provisions of this act without a
9 contested case hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54
10 of the general statutes. Whenever such child, pupil or student is a minor,
11 the notice required under sections 4-177 and 4-180 of the general statutes
12 shall also be given to the parents or guardian of the child, pupil or
13 student at least five business days before such hearing. If a public health
14 emergency has been declared pursuant to section 19a-131a of the
15 general statutes, the contested case hearing shall be scheduled as soon

16 as possible after a child, pupil or student has been unenrolled from or
 17 prevented from enrolling at any public or private school, including an
 18 institution of higher education, or child care center, group or family day
 19 care home. The notice shall include information concerning (A) the legal
 20 rights of the parents, guardian and the child, pupil or student, (B) the
 21 legal services provided free of charge or at a reduced rate that are
 22 available locally, and (C) how to access such services. An attorney or
 23 other advocate may represent any child, pupil or student at such
 24 hearing. The parents or guardian of the child, pupil or student shall have
 25 the right to have the hearing postponed for up to one week to allow time
 26 to obtain representation, except in the case of a public health emergency
 27 declared pursuant to section 19a-131a of the general statutes, such
 28 hearing shall be held as soon as possible. Any legal fees or costs incurred
 29 as a result of the administration of the provisions of this section shall be
 30 borne by the state."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section