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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-204a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (a) Each local or regional board of education, or similar body
7 governing a nonpublic school or schools, shall require each child to be
8 protected by adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis,
9 tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus influenzae
10 type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule for active
11 immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f before being
12 permitted to enroll in any program operated by a public or nonpublic
13 school under its jurisdiction. Before being permitted to enter seventh
14 grade, a child shall receive a second immunization against measles. Any

15 such child who (1) presents a certificate from a physician, physician
16 assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or local health agency
17 stating that initial immunizations have been given to such child and
18 additional immunizations are in process under guidelines and
19 schedules specified by the Commissioner of Public Health; or (2)
20 presents a certificate from a physician, physician assistant or advanced
21 practice registered nurse stating that in the opinion of such physician,
22 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse such
23 immunization is medically contraindicated because of the physical
24 condition of such child; or (3) presents a statement from the parents or
25 guardian of such child that such immunization would be contrary to the
26 religious beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian of such child,
27 which statement shall be acknowledged, in accordance with the
28 provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34 and 1-35, by (A) a judge of a court of
29 record or a family support magistrate, (B) a clerk or deputy clerk of a
30 court having a seal, (C) a town clerk, (D) a notary public, (E) a justice of
31 the peace, (F) an attorney admitted to the bar of this state, or (G)
32 notwithstanding any provision of chapter 6, a school nurse; or (4) in the
33 case of measles, mumps or rubella, presents a certificate from a
34 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse or
35 from the director of health in such child's present or previous town of
36 residence, stating that the child has had a confirmed case of such
37 disease; or (5) in the case of hemophilus influenzae type B has passed
38 his fifth birthday; or (6) in the case of pertussis, has passed his sixth
39 birthday, shall be exempt from the appropriate provisions of this
40 section. If the parents or guardians of any child are unable to pay for
41 such immunizations, the expense of such immunizations shall, on the
42 recommendations of such board of education, be paid by the town. On
43 or before January 1, 2022, the Department of Public Health shall develop
44 a plan to ensure that vaccines are more accessible to children who are
45 eligible for free or reduced price lunches. Before being permitted to
46 enter seventh grade, the parents or guardian of any child who is exempt
47 on religious grounds from the immunization requirements of this
48 section, pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall present to
49 such school a statement that such immunization requirements are

50 contrary to the religious beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian
51 of such child, which statement shall be acknowledged, in accordance
52 with the provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34 and 1-35, by (A) a judge of a
53 court of record or a family support magistrate, (B) a clerk or deputy clerk
54 of a court having a seal, (C) a town clerk, (D) a notary public, (E) a justice
55 of the peace, (F) an attorney admitted to the bar of this state, or (G)
56 notwithstanding any provision of chapter 6, a school nurse."

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