



General Assembly

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6423**

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 19a-7f of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
5 *2021*):

6 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall determine the standard
7 of care for immunization for the children of this state. The standard of
8 care for immunization shall be based on the recommended schedules
9 for active immunization for normal infants and children published by
10 the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory
11 Committee on Immunization Practices, the American Academy of

12 Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians, provided,
13 on and after July 1, 2021, no revision to the standard of care for
14 immunization for the children of this state shall occur as a result of the
15 addition of any new vaccine to such recommended schedules for active
16 immunization for normal infants and children without the approval of
17 the General Assembly. The commissioner shall establish, within
18 available appropriations, an immunization program which shall: (1)
19 Provide vaccine at no cost to health care providers in Connecticut to
20 administer to children so that cost of vaccine will not be a barrier to age-
21 appropriate vaccination in this state; (2) with the assistance of hospital
22 maternity programs, provide all parents in this state with the
23 recommended immunization schedule for normal infants and children,
24 a booklet to record immunizations at the time of the infant's discharge
25 from the hospital nursery and a list of sites where immunization may be
26 provided; (3) inform in a timely manner all health care providers of
27 changes in the recommended immunization schedule; (4) assist
28 hospitals, local health providers and local health departments to
29 develop and implement record-keeping and outreach programs to
30 identify and immunize those children who have fallen behind the
31 recommended immunization schedule or who lack access to regular
32 preventative health care and have the authority to gather such data as
33 may be needed to evaluate such efforts; (5) assist in the development of
34 a program to assess the vaccination status of children who are clients of
35 state and federal programs serving the health and welfare of children
36 and make provision for vaccination of those who are behind the
37 recommended immunization schedule; (6) access available state and
38 federal funds including, but not limited to, any funds available through
39 the federal Childhood Immunization Reauthorization or any funds
40 available through the Medicaid program; (7) solicit, receive and expend
41 funds from any public or private source; and (8) develop and make
42 available to parents and health care providers public health educational
43 materials about the benefits of timely immunization."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	July 1, 2021	19a-7f(a)
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