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## OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 457 (File 322, as amended by Senate "A")\*

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CONNECTICUT'S  
IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM.***

### SUMMARY

This bill makes a change to one of the educational criteria to make clinical medical assistants eligible to administer vaccinations under sHB 5485, as amended by the House (§ 502) (which amended sHB 5500, as amended by the House (§ 47)).

Specifically, sHB 5485, as amended by the House (§ 502), allows clinical medical assistants meeting specified criteria, education, and training requirements to administer vaccines in any setting other than a hospital if under the supervision, control, and responsibility of a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse.

To be eligible to administer vaccines under sHB 5485 and sHB 5500, a clinical medical assistant generally must have graduated from a postsecondary medical assisting program that meets certain criteria. One option is that the person graduated from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, or another accrediting organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The bill removes the requirement that the person must have done so on or after January 1, 2023, as under sHB 5485.

\*Senate Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill, which concerned the state's vaccine information system, with the provision on medical assistants.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

### COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22    Nay 9    (03/23/2022)