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SB-457

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

AMENDMENT

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	Significant	Significant

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

This amendment replaces the Department of Public Health's (DPH) childhood immunization registry and tracking system ("CIRTS") with an immunization information system ("CT WiZ") that provides vaccine recipients of all ages, instead of only children under age 6, with access to their immunization records. The amendment requires, rather than allows, DPH to maintain the system and requires the system to include information to accurately identify a vaccine recipient and assess the recipient's current immunization status.

Under the amendment, health care providers must obtain consent from a vaccine recipient, or the recipient's parent of guardian to enroll in the system. There will be significant costs for DPH to maintain an

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immunization registry and tracking system with "opt-in" enrollment. Currently, DPH has 15 federally funded staff members working on CIRTS. Federal funds cannot be utilized on an "opt-in" immunization information system. Thus, these 15 positions would have to be supported with a General Fund appropriation. The cost for these positions is estimated at over \$500,000. Additionally, the current immunization information system cannot be reprogrammed to operate an "op-in" system. It is estimated to cost over \$2 million to switch to a new immunization registry and tracking system.

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