



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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**"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4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  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)