



General Assembly

Amendment

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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4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

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 the effective date of this section, no revision to the standard
14 of care for immunization for the children of this state shall occur as a

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	19a-7f(a)