



General Assembly

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6423 File No. 431 Cal. No. 320

(As Amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "G")

"AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-204a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (a) Each local or regional board of education, or similar body
7 governing a nonpublic school or schools, shall require each child five
8 years of age or older enrolled in any program operated by a public or
9 nonpublic school under its jurisdiction to be protected by adequate
10 immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis,
11 measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus influenzae type B and any other
12 vaccine required by the schedule for active immunization adopted
13 pursuant to section 19a-7f. [before being permitted to enroll in any
14 program operated by a public or nonpublic school under its

15 jurisdiction.] Before being permitted to enter seventh grade, a child shall
16 receive a second immunization against measles. Any such child who (1)
17 presents a certificate from a physician, physician assistant, advanced
18 practice registered nurse or local health agency stating that initial
19 immunizations have been given to such child and additional
20 immunizations are in process under guidelines and schedules specified
21 by the Commissioner of Public Health; or (2) presents a certificate from
22 a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse
23 stating that in the opinion of such physician, physician assistant or
24 advanced practice registered nurse such immunization is medically
25 contraindicated because of the physical condition of such child; or (3)
26 presents a statement from the parents or guardian of such child that
27 such immunization would be contrary to the religious beliefs of such
28 child or the parents or guardian of such child, which statement shall be
29 acknowledged, in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34
30 and 1-35, by (A) a judge of a court of record or a family support
31 magistrate, (B) a clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, (C) a town
32 clerk, (D) a notary public, (E) a justice of the peace, (F) an attorney
33 admitted to the bar of this state, or (G) notwithstanding any provision
34 of chapter 6, a school nurse; or (4) in the case of measles, mumps or
35 rubella, presents a certificate from a physician, physician assistant or
36 advanced practice registered nurse or from the director of health in such
37 child's present or previous town of residence, stating that the child has
38 had a confirmed case of such disease; or (5) in the case of hemophilus
39 influenzae type B has passed his fifth birthday; or (6) in the case of
40 pertussis, has passed his sixth birthday, shall be exempt from the
41 appropriate provisions of this section. If the parents or guardians of any
42 child are unable to pay for such immunizations, the expense of such
43 immunizations shall, on the recommendations of such board of
44 education, be paid by the town. Before being permitted to enter seventh
45 grade, the parents or guardian of any child who is exempt on religious
46 grounds from the immunization requirements of this section, pursuant
47 to subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall present to such school a
48 statement that such immunization requirements are contrary to the
49 religious beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian of such child,

50 which statement shall be acknowledged, in accordance with the
51 provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34 and 1-35, by (A) a judge of a court of
52 record or a family support magistrate, (B) a clerk or deputy clerk of a
53 court having a seal, (C) a town clerk, (D) a notary public, (E) a justice of
54 the peace, (F) an attorney admitted to the bar of this state, or (G)
55 notwithstanding any provision of chapter 6, a school nurse."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-204a(a)