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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5044**

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONNECTICUT VACCINE STANDARDS."

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 19a-7f of the general statutes is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
4 *passage*):

5 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall [determine] establish the
6 standard of care for immunization for the children of this state. The
7 standard of care for immunization shall (1) be based on a consideration
8 of the recommended schedules for [active] immunization for [normal]
9 infants and children published by the National Centers for Disease
10 Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization

11 Practices, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of
12 Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Academy of Family
13 Physicians, and (2) include schedules recommended by the
14 commissioner for immunization and contraindications to
15 administration of vaccines in accordance with such schedules. The
16 commissioner shall establish, within available appropriations, an
17 immunization program [which] that shall: [(1)] (A) Provide [vaccine]
18 vaccines at no cost to health care providers in Connecticut to administer
19 to children so that cost of [vaccine] vaccines will not be a barrier to age-
20 appropriate vaccination in this state; [(2)] (B) with the assistance of
21 hospital maternity programs, provide all parents in this state with the
22 recommended immunization schedule for [normal] infants and
23 children, a booklet to record immunizations at the time of the infant's
24 discharge from the hospital nursery and a list of sites where
25 immunization may be provided; [(3)] (C) inform in a timely manner all
26 health care providers of changes in the recommended immunization
27 schedule; [(4)] (D) assist hospitals, local health providers and local
28 health departments to develop and implement record-keeping and
29 outreach programs to identify and immunize those children who have
30 fallen behind the recommended immunization schedule or who lack
31 access to regular preventative health care and have the authority to
32 gather such data as may be needed to evaluate such efforts; [(5)] (E)
33 assist in the development of a program to assess the vaccination status
34 of children who are clients of state and federal programs serving the
35 health and welfare of children and make provision for vaccination of
36 those who are behind the recommended immunization schedule; [(6)]
37 (E) access available state and federal funds, including, but not limited
38 to, any funds available through the federal Childhood Immunization
39 Reauthorization or any funds available through the Medicaid program;
40 [(7)] (G) solicit, receive and expend funds from any public or private
41 source; and [(8)] (H) develop and make available to parents and health
42 care providers public health educational materials about the benefits of
43 timely immunization."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-7f(a)