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AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONNECTICUT VACCINE STANDARDS. AMENDMENT

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

The amendment provides a personal beliefs exemption to immunization requirements for children and youth who attend: (1) public and private schools, including higher education institutions; and (2) child care centers and group and family day care homes. The exemption results in the fiscal impacts beginning in FY 27 described below.

The amendment results in a potential savings to the Department of Public Health (DPH) beginning in FY 27 associated with the state-funded Connecticut Vaccine Program. The magnitude of the savings is dependent on: (1) the number of individuals below 18 who procure an exemption who previously received DPH-recommended vaccinations through the program; (2) the timing of exemptions being granted; and (3) the number and prices of vaccines no longer being utilized.

The amendment also results in a potential cost to the State Department of Education (SDE) and to local and regional boards of education (BOEs) annually beginning in FY 27. By establishing certain immunization exemptions, the amendment allows certain students to

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attend public schools who currently choose not to due to immunization requirements. An increase in public school enrollment would lead to marginal costs to BOEs to educate additional students and costs to SDE associated with enrollment-based grants (ECS, magnet school grant, charter school grant, etc.). BOEs would additionally receive a revenue gain associated with the enrollment-based grants. The extent of the costs to BOEs and SDE and the revenue gain to BOEs depends on the number of students who would receive an exemption and newly choose to attend public schools, as well as which schools such students would attend.

Additionally, the amendment results in a potential revenue gain annually beginning in FY 27 to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU). By establishing certain immunization exemptions, the amendment allows certain students to attend CSCU who currently choose not to due to immunization requirements. The extent of the revenue gain depends on the number of students who would choose to attend CSCU if they were to receive immunization exemptions and the prices of the institutions.

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