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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 substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Section 1. 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4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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] establish the
7 standard of care for immunization for [the children] residents of this
8 state. The standard of care for immunization shall (1) be based on a
9 consideration of the recommended schedules for [active] immunization
10 for [normal] adults, infants and children published by the National

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

46 timely immunization."

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