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3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*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

11 Immunization Practices, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the
12 American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American
13 Academy of Family Physicians, provided, on and after July 1, 2027, no
14 revision to the standard of care for immunization shall occur as a result
15 of the addition of any new vaccine to such recommended schedules for
16 active immunization unless such vaccine has undergone full safety
17 studies, and (2) include schedules recommended by the commissioner
18 for immunization and contraindications to administration of vaccines in
19 accordance with such schedules. The commissioner shall establish,
20 within available appropriations, an immunization program [which] that
21 shall: [(1)] (A) Provide [vaccine] vaccines at no cost to health care
22 providers in Connecticut to administer to children so that cost of
23 [vaccine] vaccines will not be a barrier to age-appropriate vaccination in
24 this state; [(2)] (B) with the assistance of hospital maternity programs,
25 provide all parents in this state with the recommended immunization
26 schedule for [normal] infants and children, a booklet to record
27 immunizations at the time of the infant's discharge from the hospital
28 nursery and a list of sites where immunization may be provided; [(3)]
29 (C) inform in a timely manner all health care providers of changes in the
30 recommended immunization schedule; [(4)] (D) assist hospitals, local
31 health providers and local health departments to develop and
32 implement record-keeping and outreach programs to identify and
33 immunize those children who have fallen behind the recommended
34 immunization schedule or who lack access to regular preventative
35 health care and have the authority to gather such data as may be needed
36 to evaluate such efforts; [(5)] (E) assist in the development of a program
37 to assess the vaccination status of children who are clients of state and
38 federal programs serving the health and welfare of children and make
39 provision for vaccination of those who are behind the recommended
40 immunization schedule; [(6)] (F) access available state and federal
41 funds, including, but not limited to, any funds available through the
42 federal Childhood Immunization Reauthorization or any funds
43 available through the Medicaid program; [(7)] (G) solicit, receive and
44 expend funds from any public or private source; and [(8)] (H) develop
45 and make available to parents and health care providers public health

46 educational materials about the benefits of timely immunization."

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