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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6423**

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS."

- 1 Strike subsection (b) of section 1 and insert the following in lieu
- 2 thereof:
- 3 "(b) The immunization requirements provided for in subsection (a) of
- 4 this section shall not apply to any child who is enrolled in kindergarten
- 5 through twelfth grade on or before the effective date of this section, or
- 6 any sibling or future sibling of such child, if such child presented a
- 7 <u>statement, prior to the effective date of this section, from the parents or</u>
- 8 guardian of such child that such immunization is contrary to the
- 9 religious beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian of such child,
- 10 and such statement was acknowledged, in accordance with the
- 11 provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34 and 1-35, by (1) a judge of a court of
- 12 record or a family support magistrate, (2) a clerk or deputy clerk of a

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13 court having a seal, (3) a town clerk, (4) a notary public, (5) a justice of 14 the peace, (6) an attorney admitted to the bar of this state, or (7) 15 notwithstanding any provision of chapter 6, a school nurse."

Strike subsection (b) of section 5 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(b) Any child who (1) presents a certificate, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to section 7 of this act, signed by a physician, a physician assistant or an advanced practice registered nurse stating that, in the opinion of such physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse, the immunizations required pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section are medically contraindicated, (2) in the case of a child who is enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade, presented a statement, prior to the effective date of this section, that such immunizations are contrary to the religious beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian of such child, or (3) in the case of a child who is enrolled in a preschool program or other prekindergarten program or below, (A) presented a statement, prior to the effective date of this section, that such immunizations are contrary to the religious beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian of such child, and (B) presents a written declaration, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health, from a physician, a physician assistant or an advanced practice registered nurse stating that an immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, Hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f has been given to such child and that any additional necessary immunizations of such student against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, Hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by such schedule of active immunization are in process under guidelines specified by the Commissioner of Public Health or as recommended for the child by the physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse, shall be exempt from the immunization requirements set forth in such regulations. Any sibling or

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47 future sibling of any such child who is exempt from such immunization 48 requirements pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be exempt from such immunization requirements. The statement 49 50 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of this subsection shall 51 be acknowledged, in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-32, 1-52 34 and 1-35, by a judge of a court of record or a family support 53 magistrate, a clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, a town clerk, 54 a notary public, a justice of the peace, or an attorney admitted to the bar 55 of this state."

Strike subsection (g) of section 6 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(g) Any child who (1) presents a certificate, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to section 7 of this act, signed by a physician, a physician assistant or an advanced practice registered nurse stating that, in the opinion of such physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse, the immunizations required pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (f) of this section are medically contraindicated, (2) in the case of a child who is enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade, presented a statement, prior to the effective date of this section, that such immunizations are contrary to the religious beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian of such child, or (3) in the case of a child who is enrolled in a preschool program or other prekindergarten program or below, (A) presented a statement, prior to the effective date of this section, that such immunizations are contrary to the religious beliefs of such child or the parents or guardian of such child, and (B) presents a written declaration, in a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health, from a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse stating that an immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, Hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f has been given to such child and that any additional necessary immunizations of such student against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles,

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81 mumps, rubella, Hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by such schedule of active immunization are in process under 82 guidelines specified by the Commissioner of Public Health or as 83 84 recommended for the child by the physician, physician assistant or 85 advanced practice registered nurse, shall be exempt from the immunization requirements set forth in such regulations. Any sibling or 86 87 future sibling of any such child who is exempt from such immunization requirements pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be 88 89 exempt from such immunization requirements. The statement 90 described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of this subsection shall 91 be acknowledged, in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-32, 1-92 34 and 1-35, by (i) a judge of a court of record or a family support 93 magistrate, (ii) a clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, (iii) a 94 town clerk, (iv) a notary public, (v) a justice of the peace, or (vi) an 95 attorney admitted to the bar of this state."