



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7005

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FORM TO BE USED BY PARENTS WHO OBJECT TO IMMUNIZATION ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS AND NOTIFICATION TO SCHOOL NURSES CONCERNING DISCRETION IN ACKNOWLEDGING SUCH OBJECTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) Not later than October 1, 2019, the
2 Department of Public Health shall develop and make available a form
3 to serve as the statement to be (1) presented, in accordance with the
4 provisions of section 10-204a of the general statutes, by the parents or
5 guardians of a child that an immunization required pursuant to said
6 section is contrary to the religious beliefs of such child or the parents
7 or guardians of such child, and (2) acknowledged, in accordance with
8 the provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34 and 1-35 of the general statutes, by
9 (A) a judge of a court of record or a family support magistrate, (B) a
10 clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, (C) a town clerk, (D) a
11 notary public, (E) a justice of the peace, (F) an attorney admitted to the
12 bar of this state, or (G) notwithstanding any provision of chapter 6 of
13 the general statutes, a school nurse. The department shall include a
14 notice on such form that any person authorized to acknowledge such
15 statement pursuant to section 10-204a of the general statutes has the
16 discretion to acknowledge or refuse to acknowledge such statement.
17 The department shall publish such form on the department's Internet

18 web site.

19 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) Not later than September 1, 2019, the
20 Department of Education shall send a written notification to each local
21 and regional board of education and the Association of School Nurses
22 of Connecticut that states that any school nurse asked to acknowledge
23 the statement of a parent or guardian of a child that immunization is
24 contrary to the religious beliefs of such child or the parent or guardian
25 of such child, pursuant to section 10-204a of the general statutes, has
26 the discretion to acknowledge or refuse to acknowledge such
27 statement. Each local or regional board of education shall distribute
28 such written notification to each administrator, as defined in section
29 10-144e of the general statutes, employed by such board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section

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