



General Assembly

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6423** File No. 431 Cal. No. 320

(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
4 Advisory Committee on Medically Contraindicated Vaccinations within
5 the Department of Public Health for the purpose of advising the
6 Commissioner of Public Health on issues concerning exemptions from
7 state or federal requirements for vaccinations that result from a
8 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse
9 stating that a vaccination is medically contraindicated for a person due
10 to the medical condition of such person. Said advisory committee shall
11 not be responsible for confirming or denying any determination by a
12 physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse that
13 a vaccination is medically contraindicated for a specific individual. In

14 order to carry out its duties, the advisory committee shall (1) have access
15 to the childhood immunization registry established by the department
16 pursuant to section 19a-7h of the general statutes, (2) evaluate the
17 process used by the department in collecting data concerning
18 exemptions resulting from a vaccination being medically
19 contraindicated and whether the department should have any oversight
20 over such exemptions, (3) examine whether enrollment of an
21 unvaccinated child into a program operated by a public or nonpublic
22 school, institution of higher education, child care center or group child
23 care home should be conditioned upon the child meeting certain
24 criteria, (4) calculate the ratio of school nurses to students in each public
25 and nonpublic school in the state and the funding issues surrounding
26 such ratio, (5) assess whether immunizations should be required more
27 frequently than prior to enrollment into a program operated by a public
28 or nonpublic school and prior to entering seventh grade, and (6)
29 determine whether (A) there are any discrepancies in the issuance of
30 certificates stating that a vaccine is medically contraindicated, and (B) to
31 recommend continuing education of physicians, physician assistants or
32 advanced practice registered nurses in vaccine contraindications and
33 precautions. All information obtained by the advisory committee from
34 such registry shall be confidential pursuant to section 19a-25 of the
35 general statutes, as amended by this act.

36 (b) The advisory committee shall consist of the following members:

37 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
38 one of whom shall be a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the
39 general statutes who is a pediatrician, and one of whom shall be a
40 member of the public whose family member was denied an exemption
41 to immunization requirements set forth in the general statutes on the
42 ground that an immunization was medically contraindicated;

43 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
44 whom shall be a chiropractic physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370
45 of the general statutes, and one of whom shall be a member of the public
46 whose family member was denied an exemption to immunization

47 requirements set forth in the general statutes on the ground that an
48 immunization was medically contraindicated;

49 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
50 Representatives, who shall be a school nurse;

51 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
52 a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general
53 statutes who has experience in the administration of vaccines;

54 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
55 Representatives, who shall be an advanced practice registered nurse
56 licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes who has
57 experience in the administration of vaccines;

58 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
59 a naturopath licensed pursuant to chapter 373 of the general statutes;

60 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
61 designee;

62 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
63 and

64 (9) The Commissioner of Early Childhood, or the commissioner's
65 designee.

66 (c) The members of the advisory committee shall elect a chairperson
67 of the advisory committee from among its members. Such chairperson
68 shall schedule the first meeting of the advisory committee, which shall
69 be held not later than October 1, 2021. The advisory committee shall
70 meet not less than biannually. On or before January 1, 2022, and
71 annually thereafter, the committee shall report, in accordance with the
72 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on its activities and
73 findings to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
74 having cognizance of matters relating to public health."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section