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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE 1986
NATIONAL CHILDHOOD VACCINE INJURY ACT AND SUBPOENA DR. WILLIAM
THOMPSON

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Quezada, Paolino, Morgan, and Crowley

Date Introduced: February 13, 2019

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

1 WHEREAS, The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) was signed into law
2 on Nov 14, 1986, in order to reduce the potential financial liability of vaccine makers due to
3 vaccine injury claims. The law gave vaccine manufacturers complete immunity from being sued
4 when their vaccines cause serious harm or even death; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition, the NCVIA limits patients' and parents' ability to refuse
6 vaccinations; and

7 WHEREAS, Since the childhood vaccine schedule was expanded in the 1980s, the rates
8 of autism have skyrocketed along with the increases in the number of vaccines given to children;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In 2014, Dr. William Thompson came forward with a confession of
11 scientific fraud at the Centers for Disease Control in regards to a study done in 2004, regarding
12 the relationship between developing autism and the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, In August 2014, under Federal whistleblower protection, Dr. Thompson, a
15 Senior Scientist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, came forward with a
16 confession stating that despite CDC's claims to the contrary, the study done in 2004 showed a
17 causative relationship between childhood vaccines and autism; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson released a statement through his attorney that he and his
19 colleagues at the CDC had committed research fraud by destroying data showing a link between

1 the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine and the development of autism in young
2 children; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Director of the CDC, Thomas Frieden, sent a letter blocking
4 Dr. William Thompson from testifying in a Tennessee court case involving a 16 year old boy who
5 claims his autism was caused by the vaccine. The Director later stated that "Dr. William
6 Thompson's deposition testimony would not substantially promote the objectives of CDC or
7 HHS"; and

8 WHEREAS, To date, the House Oversight Committee of the United States House of
9 Representatives has failed to hold a hearing and a thorough investigation of Dr. Thompson's
10 allegations; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
12 hereby urges the Oversight Committee of the United States House of Representatives to subpoena
13 Dr. William Thompson to testify and provide details of the scientific fraud and cover-up at the
14 CDC; and

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby respectfully requests the Congress to conduct a
16 study utilizing unbiased and objective scientists inside or outside the CDC to analyze data
17 collected by the CDC or other public organizations for the purpose of understanding whether
18 vaccines are associated with an increased risk of autism; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby respectfully requests the United States Congress to
20 amend the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA):

- 21 1. To require patients and parents be given information regarding the risks and supposed
22 benefits of vaccinations;
- 23 2. To allow single measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines to be made available; and
- 24 3. To require that all vaccines be classified as pharmaceutical drugs and tested
25 accordingly; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
27 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Chair of the Oversight Committee of the
28 United States House of Representatives, Elijah J. Cummings, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the
29 Majority Leader of the Senate Mitch McConnell, and members of the Rhode Island
30 Congressional Delegation.

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