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## REP. HAMPTON: MANY POSITIVE INITIATIVES IN COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

**Vice Chair of the Education Committee State Representative John K. Hampton (D-Simsbury)** is pleased to announce a number of initiatives making their way through the legislature this session.

From expanding concussion awareness to younger kids, to keeping cancer causing chemicals and materials away from them, I am very excited about these measures we are working on and am pleased to be playing a major role in their progress as Vice-Chair of the Committee on Children.

Legislation includes:

**Concussion Awareness/Education** – [House Bill #5141](#) broadens the definition of youth athletic activities and adds such activities involving five and six-year-old participants to extend the concussion statement requirement to operators of youth athletic activities involving these younger participants.

**Banning Crumb Rubber** - [House Bill #5139](#) prohibits the installation of ground cover that contains shredded or ground rubber recycled from motor vehicle tires in municipal and public school playgrounds. Recycled industrial waste such as crumb rubber is known to have cancer causing chemicals.

**GMO's** – [House Bill #5300](#) would require infant formula, baby food and children's foods that are produced partially or entirely with genetically engineered materials to be labelled as such.

**Toxic Flame Retardants** - [House Bill #5299](#) would prohibit the sale of children's products containing certain toxic flame retardant chemicals based on their persistence, bioaccumulativity, and toxicity.

**Rep. Hampton** added, "It is important that we keep working on behalf of children and youth who are among the most vulnerable segments of society. I am looking forward to the weeks ahead and will be urging my colleagues support to see these bills through the session."

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