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Substitute Senate Bill No. 165

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHLAMYDIA PREVENTION AND TESTING PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) The Department of Public Health shall establish a
2 chlamydia prevention and testing program. The program shall
3 promote and improve awareness of and access to voluntary chlamydia
4 testing for adolescents and young adults. The department shall, within
5 available appropriations: (1) Promote the use of noninvasive urine-
6 based amplification tests for chlamydia; (2) make such tests available
7 to school-based health centers; (3) prepare and make available
8 chlamydia testing information pamphlets for distribution by
9 secondary schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, clinics,
10 physicians and other health care providers; (4) furnish appropriate
11 standards of care, advice and assistance to health care providers
12 concerning chlamydia testing; and (5) provide grants-in-aid for
13 training health professionals in conducting chlamydia testing. The
14 Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in accordance

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Implements a Provision in the Budget

Affected Agencies: Department of Public Health

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

FY 02 funding of \$500,000 has been included within sHB 6668 (the FY 02 - FY 03 Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee), to establish a chlamydia prevention and testing program. Included in this sum is \$219,000 earmarked from moneys received by the Department of Public Health as a result of a settlement with Nine West Group, Inc. The remaining \$281,000 is included within the department's General Fund budget. FY 03 funding of \$281,000 is included within sHB 6668 to continue this initiative.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHLAMYDIA PREVENTION AND TESTING PROGRAM.**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health to establish a chlamydia prevention and testing program to improve awareness of the disease among adolescents and young adults and their access to voluntary testing for it. Within available appropriations, the bill requires the department to:

1. promote the use of noninvasive urine tests for chlamydia and make these tests available to school-based health centers;
2. prepare pamphlets about chlamydia testing and make them available for distribution by high schools and colleges, hospitals and clinics, and doctors and other health care providers;
3. furnish health care providers with appropriate standards of care, advice, and assistance concerning testing; and
4. provide grants to train health professionals in conducting tests.

The bill permits the commissioner to adopt implementing regulations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2001

BACKGROUND***Chlamydia***

Chlamydia is a curable sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by a bacteria. It can cause serious problems in women and men as well as in newborn babies of infected mothers. It is one of the most widespread STDs in the United States; the U.S. Centers for Disease

Control estimates that more than 4 million people are infected annually.

Two types of tests are available to determine whether a person is infected. One samples pus from the vagina or penis, which requires a pelvic or penile examination. The urine test does not require these examinations; test results are usually available in 24 hours. Chlamydia is treated with antibiotics.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 24 Nay 1

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 40 Nay 9