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House Bill No. 5335
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 5, 2012

AN ACT CONCERNING LYME DISEASE TESTING.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study Lyme disease testing. The task force shall review policies for
3 Lyme disease testing in this state and in other states.

4 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

5 (1) Two persons experienced in the study of infectious disease, one
6 each appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and the
7 speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 (2) Two physicians experienced in treating Lyme disease, one each
9 appointed by the majority leader and the minority leader of the Senate;

10 (3) Two persons experienced in the clinical laboratory evaluation of
11 Lyme disease one each appointed by the majority leader and the
12 minority leader of the House of Representatives;

13 (4) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's

14 designee; and

15 (5) A representative of an organization in the state focused on the
16 treatment of Lyme disease, who shall be appointed by the Governor.

17 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
18 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
19 filled by the appointing authority. Members of the task force shall
20 serve without compensation.

21 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
22 designee, shall serve as chairperson of the task force. The
23 commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall schedule the first
24 meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days
25 after the effective date of this section.

26 (e) Not later than January 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a
27 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
28 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
29 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section
30 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include, but not be
31 limited to, recommendations for policies concerning Lyme disease
32 testing in the state. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
33 submits its report or January 1, 2013, whichever is later.

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

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. It establishes a task force, to be chaired by the Commissioner of Public Health, to study Lyme disease testing policies. This task force must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Public Health Committee no later than 1/1/13.

House "A" made changes to the membership of the Lyme disease testing task force and clarified that members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5335 (as amended by House "A")

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/09/2012)