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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

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) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
11 designee; and
- 12 (4) A representative of an organization in the state focused on the
13 treatment of Lyme disease, who shall be appointed by Governor.

14 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
15 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
16 filled by the appointing authority.

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

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

PH *Joint Favorable*