



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 320

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House Bill No. 5104

House of Representatives, April 3, 2013

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. JOHNSON of the 49th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY 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. The commissioner, or the
26 commissioner's designee, shall resolve any tie vote of the members.

27 (e) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a
28 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
30 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section
31 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include, but not be
32 limited to, recommendations for policies concerning Lyme disease
33 testing in the state. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
34 submits its report or January 1, 2014, 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*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Legislative Mgmt.; Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 1,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as the task force terminates by FY 14.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/18/2013)