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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING CARE COORDINATION FOR CHRONIC DISEASE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Public Health, in consultation with the Comptroller and
3 representatives of hospitals and other health care facilities and local
4 and regional health departments, shall develop a plan: (1) To reduce
5 the incidence of chronic disease, including, but not limited to, chronic
6 cardiovascular disease, cancer, stroke, chronic lung disease, chronic
7 metabolic disease and psychiatric illness; (2) to improve chronic care
8 coordination in the state; and (3) for each type of health care facility, to
9 reduce the incidence and effects of chronic disease.

10 (b) The commissioner shall, on or before January fifteenth, annually,
11 submit a report in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
12 the general statutes to the joint standing committee of the General
13 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health
14 concerning chronic disease and implementation of the plans described
15 in subsection (a) of this section. The commissioner shall post such

16 reports on the Department of Public Health's Internet web site not later
17 than thirty days after submitting each report. Such report shall include,
18 but need not be limited to: (1) A description of the chronic diseases
19 that are most likely to cause a person's death or disability, the
20 approximate number of persons affected by such chronic diseases and
21 an assessment of the financial effect of each such disease on the state
22 and on hospitals and health care facilities; (2) a description and
23 assessment of programs and actions that have been implemented by
24 the department or hospitals and health care facilities to improve
25 chronic care coordination and prevent disease; (3) the source and
26 amounts of funding received by the department to treat persons with
27 multiple chronic conditions and to treat or reduce the most prevalent
28 chronic diseases in the state; (4) a description of chronic care
29 coordination between the department and hospitals and health care
30 facilities and among health care facilities to prevent and treat chronic
31 disease; (5) detailed recommendations concerning actions to be taken
32 by hospitals and health care facilities to reduce the effects of the most
33 prevalent chronic diseases, including recommendations concerning:
34 (A) Ways to reduce hospital readmission rates, (B) transitional care
35 plans, and (C) drug therapy monitoring; (6) identification of
36 anticipated results from a hospital or health care facility's
37 implementation of the recommendations described in subdivision (5)
38 of this subsection; (7) identification of goals for coordinating care and
39 reducing the incidence of persons having multiple chronic conditions;
40 and (8) an estimate of costs and other resources necessary to
41 implement the recommendations described in subdivision (5) of this
42 subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the incidence of chronic disease in the state and improve chronic care coordination.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]