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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of a centralized reporting
2 and education program for sepsis.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 DIVISION XV

2 SEPSIS CENTRALIZED REPORTING

3 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.140 SEPSIS CENTRALIZED
4 REPORTING -- EDUCATION.

5 1. For the purposes of this division, unless the context
6 otherwise requires:

7 a. "Department" means the Iowa department of public
8 health.

9 b. "Director" means the director of public health.

10 c. "Sepsis" means a severe illness caused by overwhelming
11 infection of the bloodstream by toxin-producing bacteria and
12 may include uncomplicated sepsis, severe sepsis, and septic
13 shock.

14 2. The department shall establish a centralized reporting
15 and education program to gather and analyze information
16 concerning sepsis, to improve public awareness of sepsis and
17 its treatment, and to encourage the timely and appropriate
18 prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of sepsis.

19 3. a. The department shall establish and maintain a
20 process for the collection of data relating to sepsis
21 including collection of information necessary to conduct a
22 comprehensive epidemiological survey of sepsis and sepsis-
23 related diseases in the state and to evaluate the
24 appropriateness of measures for the prevention, management,
25 and treatment of sepsis.

26 b. The department shall adopt rules that require each
27 hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 135B to report cases of
28 sepsis. The rules shall establish the form, manner, and
29 frequency of the reporting. The information to be reported by
30 a hospital regarding a case of sepsis shall include but is not
31 limited to all of the following:

32 (1) The pathological or serological findings.

33 (2) The state of the disease.

34 (3) Other contributing factors of the disease.

35 (4) The methods of treatment utilized.

1 (5) Any previous incidence of sepsis in the patient.

2 (6) Whether the hospital has a staff physician who
3 specializes in critical care medicine.

4 (7) The continuing medical education programs provided to
5 the medical staff relating to sepsis.

6 c. (1) The department shall not reveal the identity of
7 any individual who is the subject of the information reported
8 by a hospital unless the individual provides prior written
9 consent to such disclosure.

10 (2) The department may provide information received to
11 qualified researchers. The department shall adopt rules to
12 establish protocols and fees for the provision of information
13 for the purposes of research.

14 d. The department shall compile the information reported
15 on an annual basis and shall submit a report to the governor
16 and to the general assembly by June 1 annually. The report
17 shall include a compilation of the information received and
18 any recommendations for changes in public policy, medical
19 education curricula, hospital staff training, or continuing
20 medical education necessary to the prevention, management, and
21 treatment of sepsis in the state.

22 4. A hospital or other person providing information to the
23 department in good faith compliance with this division is
24 immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which might
25 otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the provision
26 of information.

27 5. The department, in cooperation with the appropriate
28 health-related examining boards, shall establish medical
29 education and continuing medical education requirements to
30 ensure that education addressing critical care issues,
31 including the diagnosis and treatment of sepsis, are included
32 in the higher education and continuing medical education
33 curricula provided in this state.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill directs the Iowa department of public health to

1 establish a centralized reporting and education program to
2 gather and analyze information concerning sepsis, to improve
3 public awareness of sepsis and its treatment, and to encourage
4 the timely and appropriate prevention, diagnosis, and
5 treatment of sepsis. The bill directs the department to
6 establish and maintain a process for the collection of data
7 relating to sepsis and to adopt rules that require each
8 hospital licensed pursuant to Code chapter 135B to report
9 cases of sepsis including specific information relating to
10 each case reported. The bill provides for the establishment
11 of confidentiality provisions relating to the information
12 collected and relating to the sharing of information for the
13 purposes of research. The bill directs the department to
14 compile the information reported on an annual basis and to
15 submit a report to the governor and to the general assembly by
16 June 1 annually. The report is to include a compilation of
17 the information received and any recommendations for changes
18 in public policy, medical education curricula, hospital staff
19 training, or continuing medical education necessary to the
20 prevention, management, and treatment of sepsis in the state.

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23 in good faith compliance and directs the department, in
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