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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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DIVISION XV

SEPSIS CENTRALIZED REPORTING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) The pathological or serological findings.
- (2) The state of the disease.
- (3) Other contributing factors of the disease.
- (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.

21 The bill provides immunity from civil and criminal  
22 liability for a person providing information to the department  
23 in good faith compliance and directs the department, in  
24 cooperation with the appropriate health-related examining  
25 boards, to establish medical education and continuing medical  
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