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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a lyme disease task force.

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

1 Section 1. LYME DISEASE TASK FORCE AND REPORT.

2 1. The department of public health shall establish and
3 facilitate a task force to examine the prevalence and treatment
4 of chronic lyme disease in the state.

5 2. The membership of the task force shall include but is not
6 limited to the following:

7 a. A representative of the department of public health.

8 b. A representative of the board of medicine.

9 c. A representative of the Iowa medical society.

10 d. A representative from the university of Iowa hospitals
11 and clinics.

12 e. An advocate concerned about chronic lyme disease.

13 f. Other members as the department of public health deems
14 necessary.

15 3. The task force shall discuss the prevalence of lyme
16 disease in the state, the appropriate treatment of lyme
17 disease, patient methodologies, studies on the effectiveness
18 of various treatments for lyme disease, legislative proposals
19 concerning lyme disease, board of medicine actions concerning
20 lyme disease, and other topics deemed appropriate by the
21 department of public health. The task force shall focus
22 primarily on chronic lyme disease.

23 4. The task force shall develop recommendations concerning
24 tracking of chronic lyme disease, appropriate care protocols
25 for chronic lyme disease, ways to promote public awareness
26 of chronic lyme disease, and other recommendations deemed
27 appropriate by the department of public health. The task force
28 shall include cost projections for all recommendations.

29 5. The task force shall, by December 15, 2014, submit a
30 report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, the
31 general assembly, and the department of public health.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill requires the department of public health (DPH) to

1 establish and facilitate a task force concerning lyme disease.
2 The task force shall discuss the prevalence, treatment,
3 patient methodologies, legislative proposals, and board of
4 medicine actions concerning lyme disease. The bill directs
5 the task force to focus on chronic lyme disease. The bill
6 also requires the task force to develop recommendations for
7 tracking the disease, appropriate care protocols, and public
8 awareness, again with an emphasis on chronic lyme disease.
9 The bill directs the task force to submit its findings and
10 recommendations to the governor, general assembly, and the
11 department of public health by December 15, 2014.