

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3285
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Public Health
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Health care facilities are required to report incidents of certain health care-associated infections to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). H.B. 3285 seeks to expand the information required to be reported to DSHS and make it more accessible to the public.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission in SECTION 3 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3285 amends the Health and Safety Code to require that a report of certain health care-associated infections submitted to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) by a health care facility, a pediatric and adolescent hospital, or a general hospital specify whether the infection resulted in the death of the patient and specifies that the summary of reported infections DSHS is required to make available to the public includes infections that resulted in the death of the patient.

H.B. 3285 requires the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules and procedures necessary to implement the changes made by the bill as soon as practicable after the bill's effective date. The bill's provisions apply to a report that is made in or a DSHS summary that covers a reporting period beginning on or after March 1, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.