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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a human papillomavirus-associated cancer strategic  
plan developed by the Department of State Health Services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. (a) The Department of State Health Services  
shall develop a strategic plan to significantly reduce morbidity  
and mortality from human papillomavirus-associated cancer.

(b) In developing the strategic plan, the Department of  
State Health Services shall collaborate with the Cancer Prevention  
and Research Institute of Texas and may convene any necessary  
workgroups. The members of a workgroup may include:

(1) health care providers specializing in human  
papillomavirus-associated cancer prevention, screening,  
treatment, or research;

(2) physicians specializing in primary care,  
pediatrics, or obstetrics and gynecology;

(3) mid-level health care practitioners;

(4) cancer epidemiologists;

(5) representatives of general academic teaching  
institutions as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, medical  
and dental units as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, and  
medical schools as defined by Section 61.501, Education Code;

(6) middle school, high school, or college health  
educators;

- 1 (7) human papillomavirus-associated cancer survivors;
  - 2 (8) representatives from geographic areas or other
  - 3 population groups at higher risk of human
  - 4 papillomavirus-associated cancer;
  - 5 (9) public advocates concerned with issues related to
  - 6 vaccine-preventable diseases;
  - 7 (10) representatives of community-based and
  - 8 faith-based organizations involved in providing education,
  - 9 awareness, or support relating to human papillomavirus-associated
  - 10 cancer; or
  - 11 (11) other people the department determines are
  - 12 necessary.
- 13 (c) In developing the strategic plan, the Department of
- 14 State Health Services shall:
- 15 (1) identify barriers to effective prevention,
  - 16 screening, and treatment for human papillomavirus-associated
  - 17 cancer, including specific barriers affecting providers and
  - 18 patients;
  - 19 (2) identify methods, other than a mandate, to
  - 20 increase the number of people vaccinated against human
  - 21 papillomavirus;
  - 22 (3) identify methods to increase use of evidence-based
  - 23 screening to enhance the number of people screened regularly for
  - 24 human papillomavirus-associated cancer;
  - 25 (4) review current technologies and best practices for
  - 26 human papillomavirus-associated cancer screening;
  - 27 (5) review technology available to diagnose and

1 prevent infection by human papillomavirus;

2 (6) develop methods for creating partnerships with  
3 public and private entities to increase awareness of human  
4 papillomavirus-associated cancer and of the importance of  
5 vaccination education and regular screening;

6 (7) review current prevention, screening, treatment,  
7 and related activities in this state and identify areas in which the  
8 services for those activities are lacking;

9 (8) estimate the annual direct and indirect state  
10 health care costs attributable to human papillomavirus-associated  
11 cancers;

12 (9) identify actions necessary to increase  
13 vaccination and screening rates and reduce the morbidity and  
14 mortality from human papillomavirus-associated cancer and  
15 establish a schedule for implementing those actions; and

16 (10) make recommendations to the legislature on policy  
17 changes and funding needed to implement the strategic plan.

18 (d) Not later than December 31, 2016, the Department of  
19 State Health Services shall deliver to the governor and members of  
20 the legislature the strategic plan and recommendations on goal  
21 implementation and schedule compliance related to the strategic  
22 plan.

23 (e) This section expires January 1, 2017.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.