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H.B. No. 1282

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a human papillomavirus-associated cancer strategic  
3 plan developed by the Department of State Health Services.

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

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

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

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

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

17 (3) mid-level health care practitioners;

18 (4) cancer epidemiologists;

19 (5) representatives of general academic teaching  
20 institutions as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, and  
21 medical and dental units as defined by Section 61.003, Education  
22 Code;

23 (6) middle school, high school, or college health  
24 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) representatives of community-based and  
6 faith-based organizations involved in providing education,  
7 awareness, or support relating to human papillomavirus-associated  
8 cancer; or
- 9 (10) other people the department determines are  
10 necessary.

11 (c) In developing the strategic plan, the Department of  
12 State Health Services shall:

- 13 (1) identify barriers to effective prevention,  
14 screening, and treatment for human papillomavirus-associated  
15 cancer, including specific barriers affecting providers and  
16 patients;
- 17 (2) identify methods to increase the number of people  
18 vaccinated against human papillomavirus;
- 19 (3) identify methods to increase use of evidence-based  
20 screening to enhance the number of people screened regularly for  
21 human papillomavirus-associated cancer;
- 22 (4) review current technologies and best practices for  
23 human papillomavirus-associated cancer screening;
- 24 (5) review technology available to diagnose and  
25 prevent infection by human papillomavirus;
- 26 (6) develop methods for creating partnerships with  
27 public and private entities to increase awareness of human

1 papillomavirus-associated cancer and of the importance of  
2 vaccination education and regular screening;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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