



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB4148

Introduced 2/27/2009, by Rep. Elizabeth Coulson

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2310/2310-430

was 20 ILCS 2310/55.69

Amends the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Requires the Department to create a Division of Women's Health (instead of designating a member of its staff) to handle women's health issues. Provides that the Division shall be headed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches under the Medical Practice Act of 1987, who shall serve as a deputy director and shall report directly to the Director of Public Health. Provides that the head of the Division shall oversee a staff of qualified personnel who are able to effectively carry out the duties of the Division. Adds additional duties for the Division, including developing an annual report to be filed with the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of women's health care and research.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by changing Section 2310-430 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-430) (was 20 ILCS 2310/55.69)

8 Sec. 2310-430. Women's health issues.

9 (a) The Department shall create a Division of Women's  
10 Health ~~designate a member of its staff~~ to handle women's health  
11 issues not currently or adequately addressed by the Department.  
12 The Division shall be headed by a physician licensed to  
13 practice medicine in all of its branches under the Medical  
14 Practice Act of 1987. This person shall serve as a deputy  
15 director and shall report directly to the Director of Public  
16 Health. The head of the Division shall oversee a staff of  
17 qualified personnel who are able to effectively carry out the  
18 duties of the Division.

19 (b) The Division's ~~staff person's~~ duties shall include,  
20 without limitation:

21 (1) Assisting in the assessment of the health needs of  
22 women in the State.

23 (2) Recommending treatment methods and programs that

1 are sensitive and relevant to the unique characteristics of  
2 women.

3 (3) Promoting awareness of women's health concerns and  
4 encouraging, promoting, and aiding in the establishment of  
5 women's services.

6 (4) Providing adequate and effective opportunities for  
7 women to express their views on Departmental policy  
8 development and program implementation.

9 (5) Providing information to the members of the public,  
10 patients, and health care providers regarding women's  
11 gynecological cancers, including but not limited to the  
12 signs and symptoms, risk factors, the benefits of early  
13 detection through appropriate diagnostic testing, and  
14 treatment options.

15 (6) Publishing the health care summary required under  
16 Section 2310-425 of this Act.

17 (7) Working with local medical providers to provide an  
18 integrated, coordinated, and ongoing women's health  
19 campaign that stresses prevention and early detection of  
20 disease.

21 (8) Working with other State agencies and external  
22 partners to (i) understand and improve health services to  
23 women in this State and (ii) coordinate resources and  
24 programs available for women's health care and disease  
25 prevention.

26 (9) Developing satellite offices in local health

1 departments, State facilities, and not-for-profit health  
2 clinics for outreach, research, and advocacy on women's  
3 health issues, including heart disease and cancer.

4 (10) Developing an annual report to be filed with the  
5 Governor and the General Assembly on the status of women's  
6 health care and research. The information related to  
7 women's health care in the report shall include demographic  
8 data as well as the availability of adequate women's health  
9 services in urban, suburban, and rural areas and progress  
10 on meeting goals established by the Division.

11 (c) The information provided under item (5) of subsection  
12 (b) of this Section may include, but is not limited to, the  
13 following:

14 (1) Educational and informational materials in print,  
15 audio, video, electronic, or other media.

16 (2) Public service announcements and advertisements.

17 (3) The health care summary required under Section  
18 2310-425 of this Act.

19 The Department may develop or contract with others to  
20 develop, as the Director deems appropriate, the materials  
21 described in this subsection (c) or may survey available  
22 publications from, among other sources, the National Cancer  
23 Institute and the American Cancer Society. The Division of  
24 Women's Health ~~staff person designated under this Section~~ shall  
25 collect the materials, formulate a distribution plan, and  
26 disseminate the materials according to the plan. These

1 materials shall be made available to the public free of charge.

2 In exercising its powers under this subsection (c), the  
3 Department shall consult with appropriate health care  
4 professionals and providers, patients, and organizations  
5 representing health care professionals and providers and  
6 patients.

7 (Source: P.A. 91-106, eff. 1-1-00; 91-239, eff. 1-1-00; 92-16,  
8 eff. 6-28-01.)