97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2310/2310-367

Amends the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the Department of Public Health.

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AN ACT concerning State government.

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 2310-367 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-367)

8 Sec. 2310-367. Health Data Task Force; purpose;
9 implementation plan.

(a) In accordance with the the recommendations of the 2007 10 State Health Improvement Plan, it is the policy of the State 11 that, to the extent possible and consistent with privacy and 12 13 other laws, State public health data and health-related 14 administrative data are to be used to understand and report on the scope of health problems, plan prevention programs, and 15 16 evaluate program effectiveness at the State and community 17 level. It is a priority to use data to address racial, ethnic, and other health disparities. This system is intended to 18 19 support State and community level public health planning, and 20 is not intended to supplant or replace data-use agreements 21 between State agencies and academic researchers for more 22 specific research needs.

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(b) Within 30 days after the effective date of this

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amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, a Health Data Task 1 2 Force shall be convened to create a system for public access to integrated health data. The Task Force shall consist of the 3 following: the Director of Public Health or his or her 4 5 designee; the Director of Healthcare and Family Services or his 6 or her designee; the Secretary of Human Services or his or her 7 designee; the Director of the Department on Aging or his or her designee; the Director of Children and Family Services or his 8 9 or her designee; the State Superintendent of Education or his 10 or her designee; and other State officials as deemed 11 appropriate by the Governor.

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12 The Task Force shall be advised by a public advisory group 13 consisting of community health data users, minority health 14 advocates, local public health departments, and private data 15 suppliers such as hospitals and other health care providers. 16 Each member of the Task Force shall appoint 3 members of the 17 public advisory group. The public advisory group shall assist the Task Force in setting goals, articulating user needs, and 18 19 setting priorities for action.

The Department of Public Health is primarily responsible for providing staff and administrative support to the Task Force. The other State agencies represented on the Task Force shall work cooperatively with the Department of Public Health to provide administrative support to the Task Force. The Department of Public Health shall have ongoing responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the plan and shall have 1 ongoing responsibility to identify new or emerging data or 2 technology needs.

The State agencies represented on the Task Force shall 3 review their health data, data collection, and dissemination 4 5 policies for opportunities to coordinate and integrate data and 6 make data available within and outside State government in 7 support of this State policy. To the extent possible, existing data infrastructure shall be used to create this system of 8 9 public access to data. The Illinois Department of Health Care 10 and Family Services data warehouse and the Illinois Department 11 of Public Health IPLAN Data System may be the foundation of 12 this system.

13 (c) The Task Force shall produce a plan with a phased and 14 prioritized implementation timetable focusing on assuring 15 access to improving the quality of data necessary to understand 16 health disparities. The Task Force shall submit an initial 17 report to the General Assembly no later that July 1, 2008, and shall make annual reports to the General Assembly on or before 18 July 1 of each year through 2011 of the progress toward 19 20 implementing the plan.

21 (Source: P.A. 95-418, eff. 8-24-07.)

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