



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB3045

Introduced 1/28/2026, by Sen. Sara Feigenholtz

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2205/2205-45 new

Amends the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Law. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to conduct a statewide one-year pilot program that studies the prevalence of cholestatic liver disorders associated with increased risk of end-stage liver disease among women ages 35 through 64 who are recipients of medical assistance. Requires the Department to collect the following information on study participants: (1) key demographics such as age, genetic predispositions, pre-existing conditions, and lifestyle factors that elevate the risk of developing cholestatic liver disorders; (2) the number or percentage of study participants who, despite being identified as high-risk, do not follow through with referrals or treatment recommendations; (3) the number of study participants who avoid referral and follow-up care or engage in treatment avoidance; and (4) any other relevant information or issues identified by the Department. Requires the Department to compile a report on its findings at the end of the one-year study and include (i) recommendations on how to increase awareness of cholestatic liver disorders through screenings, genetic testing, and collaboration with patient advocacy groups to raise public awareness and (ii) an analysis of strategies and funding to increase screening and genetic testing for cholestatic liver disorders. Provides that the Department shall submit the report to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2028. Effective immediately.

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1 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 Healthcare and Family  
5 Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by adding Section 2205-45 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2205/2205-45 new)

8 Sec. 2205-45. Pilot program; cholestatic liver disorders  
9 in women.

10 (a) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall  
11 conduct a statewide one-year pilot program that studies the  
12 prevalence of cholestatic liver disorders associated with  
13 increased risk of end-stage liver disease among women ages 35  
14 through 64 who are recipients of medical assistance under  
15 Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code. During the pilot  
16 program, the Department shall collect the following  
17 information on study participants:

18 (1) Key demographics such as age, genetic  
19 predispositions, pre-existing conditions (such as, but not  
20 limited to, autoimmune diseases and metabolic disorders)  
21 and lifestyle factors that elevate the risk of developing  
22 cholestatic liver disorders.

23 (2) The number or percentage of study participants

1 who, despite being identified as high-risk, do not follow  
2 through with referrals or treatment recommendations.

3 (3) The number of study participants who avoid  
4 referral and follow-up care or engage in treatment  
5 avoidance.

6 (4) Other relevant information or issues identified by  
7 the Department.

8 (b) At the end of the one-year pilot program, the  
9 Department shall review the collected data and information and  
10 compile it into a written report that includes:

11 (1) Recommendations on how to (i) increase awareness  
12 of cholestatic liver disorders, including screenings and  
13 genetic testing, and (ii) collaborate with patient  
14 advocacy groups to raise public awareness through social  
15 media, seminars, and community outreach initiatives.

16 (2) An analysis of strategies and funding to increase  
17 screening and genetic testing for cholestatic liver  
18 disorders. The analysis must include recommendations on  
19 how to promote public-private partnerships to ensure  
20 sustainable funding for genetic research and testing  
21 infrastructure.

22 All information collected and reported shall be handled in  
23 accordance with all applicable State and federal privacy laws  
24 and regulations.

25 The Department of Healthcare and Family Services shall  
26 submit the report to the General Assembly no later than

1 December 31, 2028.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.