

1 AN ACT concerning 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 adding Section 2310-353 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-353 new)

8 Sec. 2310-353. Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force.

9 (a) A standing Task Force on Cervical Cancer Elimination
10 ("Task Force") is established within the Illinois Department of
11 Public Health.

12 (b) The Task Force shall have 12 members appointed by the
13 Director of Public Health as follows:

14 (1) A representative of an organization relating to
15 women and cancer.

16 (2) A representative of an organization providing
17 health care to women.

18 (3) A health educator.

19 (4) A representative of a national organization
20 relating to cancer treatment who is an oncologist.

21 (5) A representative of the health insurance industry.

22 (6) A representative of a national organization of
23 obstetricians and gynecologists.

24 (7) A representative of a national organization of
25 family physicians.

26 (8) The State Epidemiologist.

27 (9) A member at-large with an interest in women's
28 health.

29 (10) A social marketing expert on health issues.

30 (11) A licensed registered nurse.

31 (12) A member of the Illinois Breast and Cervical
32 Cancer Medical Advisory Committee.

1 The directors of Public Health and Public Aid, and the
2 Secretary of Human Services, or their designees, and the Chair
3 and Vice-Chair of the Conference of Women Legislators in
4 Illinois, or their designees, shall be ex officio members of
5 the Task Force. The Director of Public Health shall also
6 consult with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
7 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the President
8 of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the Senate in the
9 designation of members of the Illinois General Assembly as
10 ex-officio members.

11 Appointments to the Task Force should reflect the
12 composition of the Illinois population with regard to ethnic,
13 racial, age, and religious composition.

14 (c) The Director of Public Health shall appoint a Chair
15 from among the members of the Task Force. The Task Force shall
16 elect a Vice-Chair from its members. Initial appointments to
17 the Task Force shall be made not later than 30 days after the
18 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General
19 Assembly. A majority of the Task Force shall constitute a
20 quorum for the transaction of its business. The Task Force
21 shall meet at least quarterly. The Task Force Chair may
22 establish sub-committees for the purpose of making special
23 studies; such sub-committees may include non-Task-Force
24 members as resource persons.

25 (d) Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for their
26 necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties. The
27 Department of Public Health shall provide staff and technical
28 assistance to the Task Force to the extent possible within
29 annual appropriations for its ordinary and contingent
30 expenses.

31 (e) The Task Force shall have the following duties:

32 (1) To obtain from the Department of Public Health, if
33 available, data and analyses regarding the prevalence and
34 burden of cervical cancer. The Task Force may conduct or
35 arrange for independent studies and analyses.

36 (2) To coordinate the efforts of the Task Force with

1 existing State committees and programs providing cervical
2 cancer screening, education, and case management.

3 (3) To raise public awareness on the causes and nature
4 of cervical cancer, personal risk factors, the value of
5 prevention, early detection, options for testing,
6 treatment costs, new technology, medical care
7 reimbursement, and physician education.

8 (4) To identify priority strategies, new technologies,
9 and newly introduced vaccines that are effective in
10 preventing and controlling the risk of cervical cancer.

11 (5) To identify and examine the limitations of existing
12 laws, regulations, programs, and services with regard to
13 coverage and awareness issues for cervical cancer,
14 including requiring insurance or other coverage for PAP
15 smears and mammograms in accordance with the most recently
16 published American Cancer Society guidelines.

17 (6) To develop a statewide comprehensive Cervical
18 Cancer Prevention Plan and strategies for implementing the
19 Plan and for promoting the Plan to the general public,
20 State and local elected officials, and various public and
21 private organizations, associations, businesses,
22 industries, and agencies.

23 (7) To receive and to consider reports and testimony
24 from individuals, local health departments,
25 community-based organizations, voluntary health
26 organizations, and other public and private organizations
27 statewide to learn more about their contributions to
28 cervical cancer diagnosis, prevention, and treatment and
29 more about their ideas for improving cervical cancer
30 prevention, diagnosis, and treatment in Illinois.

31 (f) The Task Force shall submit a report to the Governor
32 and the General Assembly by April 1, 2005 and by April 1 of
33 each year thereafter. The report shall include (i) information
34 regarding the progress being made in fulfilling the duties of
35 the Task Force and in developing the Cervical Cancer Prevention
36 Plan and (ii) recommended strategies or actions to reduce the

1 occurrence of cervical cancer and the burdens from cervical
2 cancer suffered by citizens of this State.

3 (g) The Task Force shall expire on April 1, 2009, or upon
4 submission of the Task Force's final report to the Governor and
5 the General Assembly, whichever occurs earlier.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.