

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 Public Health Powers and
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by adding Section 2310-367 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-367 new)

8 Sec. 2310-367. Health Data Task Force.

9 (a) Subject to an appropriation or the availability of
10 other funds identified for this purpose, the Health Data Task
11 Force is created. In accordance with the recommendations of the
12 2007 Illinois State Health Improvement Plan, the Health Data
13 Task Force shall develop a plan to create a linked health data
14 system that measures, analyzes, and reports on the health
15 status of Illinois residents, including those impacted by
16 health disparities. The plan shall include, but not be limited
17 to all of the following:

18 (1) Approaches to assuring adequate data on race,
19 ethnicity, geographic location, gender, age, sexual
20 orientation, and other populations affected by health
21 disparities.

22 (2) Identification of and proposals for addressing
23 privacy and other legal issues.

1 (3) Identification of and approaches to solving
2 compatibility issues, including software, hardware,
3 platform, and other information systems issues.

4 (4) Identification of needs and approaches to
5 standardizing definitions of indicators across systems to
6 assure comparability.

7 (5) Approaches that assure the highest quality data
8 collection.

9 (6) Development of methods to increase the timeliness
10 and availability of health data.

11 (7) Integration of methods to increase the timeliness
12 and availability of health data.

13 (8) Methods for effective dissemination and use of the
14 health data to non-governmental organizations for program
15 development and policy planning.

16 (b) The Health Data Task Force shall be composed of the
17 following members: the Director of Public Health or his or her
18 designee; the Director of Children and Family Services or his
19 or her designee; the Director of Central Management Services or
20 his or her designee; the Secretary of Human Services or his or
21 her designee; the State Superintendent of Education or his or
22 her designee; and a maximum of 20 public members appointed by
23 the Governor including, but not be limited to, representatives
24 of health care provider organizations, local health
25 departments, minority health organizations, and other users
26 and providers of public health data.

1 (c) The Task Force members shall serve without
2 compensation, but public members shall be reimbursed for their
3 reasonable travel expenses incurred in performing their duties
4 in connection with the Task Force.

5 (d) The Department of Public Health shall be the primary
6 agency in providing staff and administrative support to the
7 Task Force. The other State agencies represented on the Task
8 Force shall work cooperatively with the Department of Public
9 Health to provide administrative support to the Task Force.

10 (e) Within 90 days after the effective date of this
11 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Department of
12 Public Health may contract with an independent vendor that has
13 expertise in public health data management, analysis, and
14 information systems. In addition, the Department may contract
15 with a vendor to provide the Task Force with logistical and
16 process support in the development of the plan to create a
17 linked health data system.

18 (f) The Task Force shall submit its plan to the Governor
19 and to the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2008.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.