

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 Illinois Health Statistics Act is amended by
5 changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 520/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 5604)

7 Sec. 4. (a) In carrying out the purposes of this Act, the
8 Department may:

9 (1) Collect and maintain health data on:

10 (i) The extent, nature, and impact of illness,
11 including factors relating to obesity and disability
12 on the population of the State;

13 (ii) The determinants of health and health hazards
14 including obesity;

15 (iii) Health resources, including the extent of
16 available manpower and resources;

17 (iv) Utilization of health care;

18 (v) Health care costs and financing; ~~and~~

19 (vi) Other health or health-related matters; ~~and~~

20 (vii) The connection between the long-term effects
21 of childhood cancer and the original cancer diagnosis
22 and treatment.

23 (2) Undertake and support research, demonstrations,

1 and evaluations respecting new or improved methods for
2 obtaining current data on the matters referred to in
3 subparagraph (1).

4 (b) The Department may collect health data under authority
5 granted by any unit of local government and on behalf of other
6 governmental or not-for-profit organizations, including data
7 collected by local schools and the State Board of Education
8 relating to obesity on the health examination form required
9 pursuant to Section 27-8.1 of the School Code. The data shall
10 be de-identified and aggregated pursuant to rules promulgated
11 by the Department to prevent disclosure of personal identifying
12 information.

13 (c) The Department shall collect data only on a voluntary
14 basis from individuals and organizations, except when there is
15 specific legal authority to compel the mandatory reporting of
16 the health data so requested. In making any collection of
17 health data from an individual or organization the Department
18 must give to such individual or organization a written
19 statement which states:

20 (1) Whether the individual or organization is required
21 to respond, and any sanctions for noncompliance;

22 (2) The purposes for which the health data are being
23 collected; and

24 (3) In the case of any disclosure of identifiable
25 health data for other than research and statistical
26 purposes, the items to be disclosed, to whom the data are

1 to be disclosed and the purposes for which the data are to
2 be disclosed.

3 (d) Except as provided in Section 5, no health data
4 obtained in the course of activities undertaken or supported
5 under this Act may be used for any purpose other than the
6 purpose for which they were supplied or for which the
7 individual or organization described in the data has otherwise
8 consented.

9 (e) The Department shall take such actions as may be
10 necessary to assure that statistics developed under this Act
11 are of high quality, timely, comprehensive, as well as
12 specific, standardized and adequately analyzed and indexed.

13 (f) The Department shall take such action as is appropriate
14 to effect the coordination of health data activities, including
15 health data specifically relating to obesity collected
16 pursuant to Section 27-8.1 of the School Code, within the State
17 to eliminate unnecessary duplication of data collection and
18 maximize the usefulness of data collected.

19 (g) The Department shall (1) participate with state, local
20 and federal agencies in the design and implementation of a
21 cooperative system for producing comparable and uniform health
22 information and statistics at the federal, state, and local
23 levels; and (2) undertake and support research, development,
24 demonstrations, and evaluations respecting such cooperative
25 system.

26 (Source: P.A. 93-966, eff. 1-1-05.)