

1-1 By: Cortez, Guerra, et al. H.B. No. 970
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Uresti)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2017;
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 1-5 Human Services; May 18, 2017, reported favorably by the following
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the establishment of a state plan for Streptococcus
 1-21 pneumoniae education and prevention.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subtitle D, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Chapter 94A to read as follows:

1-25 CHAPTER 94A. STATE PLAN FOR STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE; EDUCATION
 1-26 AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

1-27 Sec. 94A.001. STATE PLAN FOR STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE. (a)
 1-28 The department, using existing resources and programs to the extent
 1-29 possible, shall develop a state plan for prevention and treatment
 1-30 of diseases caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae. The plan must
 1-31 include strategies for prevention and treatment of diseases caused
 1-32 by Streptococcus pneumoniae in specific demographic groups that are
 1-33 disproportionately affected by the diseases, including persons who
 1-34 are elderly, children under two years of age, persons living in
 1-35 long-term care facilities, persons with a chronic heart or lung
 1-36 disease, smokers, and persons with asplenia.

1-37 (b) In developing the plan, the department shall seek the
 1-38 advice of:

1-39 (1) the public, including members of the public who
 1-40 have been infected with Streptococcus pneumoniae;

1-41 (2) each state agency that provides services to
 1-42 persons infected with Streptococcus pneumoniae or that is assigned
 1-43 duties related to diseases caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae,
 1-44 including any appropriate health and human services agency
 1-45 described by Section 531.001, Government Code, the Employees
 1-46 Retirement System of Texas, and the Teacher Retirement System of
 1-47 Texas;

1-48 (3) any advisory body that addresses issues related to
 1-49 diseases caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae;

1-50 (4) public advocates concerned with issues related to
 1-51 diseases caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae;

1-52 (5) providers of services to persons with diseases
 1-53 caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae;

1-54 (6) a statewide professional association of
 1-55 physicians; and

1-56 (7) a statewide professional association of nurses.

1-57 (c) The department shall review and modify as necessary the
 1-58 state plan developed under this section at least once every five
 1-59 years and may update the state plan biennially.

1-60 Sec. 94A.002. STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE EDUCATION AND
 1-61 PREVENTION PROGRAM. (a) The department shall develop a program to

2-1 heighten awareness and enhance knowledge and understanding of
2-2 Streptococcus pneumoniae.

2-3 (b) The program developed under Subsection (a) must require
2-4 the department to:

2-5 (1) conduct health education, public awareness, and
2-6 community outreach activities to promote public awareness and
2-7 knowledge about the risk factors for, the value of early detection
2-8 of, available screening services for, and the options available for
2-9 the treatment of diseases caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae; and

2-10 (2) post on the department's Internet website the
2-11 options available for the prevention, treatment, and detection of
2-12 diseases caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae and information on the
2-13 risk factors for, method of transmission of, and value of early
2-14 detection of the diseases.

2-15 (c) The department, using existing resources, may include
2-16 in the program developed under Subsection (a) a study to estimate
2-17 the current and future impact on this state of diseases caused by
2-18 Streptococcus pneumoniae.

2-19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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