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SENATE DRS15077-MG-58 (03/08)

Short Title: Report Health Care-Associated Infections. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Purcell, Bingham, and Mansfield (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO
3 ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE SURVEILLANCE AND REPORTING SYSTEM FOR
4 HEALTH CARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS AND TO SUBJECT HOSPITALS TO
5 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATEWIDE SURVEILLANCE AND REPORTING
6 SYSTEM.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 SECTION 1. Article 6 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended by
9 adding a new Part to read:

10 "Part 1A. Health Care-Associated Infections.

11 "§ 130A-150. Statewide surveillance and reporting system.

12 (a) By December 31, 2011, the Department shall establish a statewide surveillance and
13 reporting system for specified health care-associated infections in accordance with rules
14 adopted by the Commission pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

15 (b) The Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement the statewide
16 surveillance and reporting system established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The
17 rules shall specify uniform standards for surveillance and reporting of specified health
18 care-associated infections under the statewide surveillance and reporting system. The uniform
19 standards shall include at least all of the following:

20 (1) A preference for electronic surveillance of specified health care-associated
21 infections to the greatest extent practicable.

22 (2) A requirement for electronic reporting of specified health care-associated
23 infections.

24 (c) Each hospital, as defined in G.S. 131E-76(3), is subject to the statewide surveillance
25 and reporting system established in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and shall be
26 responsible for health care-associated infections surveillance and reporting of specified health
27 care-associated infections data to the Department through the Centers for Disease Control and
28 Prevention National Health Care Safety Network.

29 (d) The Department may release to the public aggregated data on health care-associated
30 infections that does not contain social security numbers or other personal identifying
31 information only if it deems the release of this data to be in the public interest."

32 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

