

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 2310-730 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-730 new)

8 Sec. 2310-730. Diversity in clinical trials.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "underrepresented community"
10 or "underrepresented demographic group" means a community or
11 demographic group that is more likely to be historically
12 marginalized and less likely to be included in research and
13 clinical trials represented by race, ethnicity, sex, sexual
14 orientation, socioeconomic status, age, and geographic
15 location.

16 (b) Any State entity or hospital that receives funding
17 from the National Institutes of Health for the purpose of
18 conducting clinical trials of drugs or medical devices is
19 required to:

20 (1) adopt a policy that will result in the
21 identification and recruitment of persons who are members
22 of underrepresented demographic groups to participate in
23 the clinical trials and that:

1 (A) includes specific strategies for trial
2 enrollment and retention of diverse participants,
3 including, but not limited to, site location and
4 access, sustained community engagement, and reducing
5 burdens due to trial design or conduct, as
6 appropriate; and

7 (B) uses strategies recommended by the United
8 States Food and Drug Administration to identify and
9 recruit those persons to participate in the clinical
10 trials;

11 (2) provide information to trial participants in
12 languages other than English in accordance with current
13 federal requirements;

14 (3) provide translation services or bilingual staff
15 for trial recruitment and consent processes;

16 (4) provide culturally specific recruitment materials
17 alongside general enrollment materials; and

18 (5) provide remote consent options when not prohibited
19 by the granting entity or federal regulations.

20 (c) The Department, through voluntary reporting from
21 research institutions and in consultation with community-based
22 organizations and other stakeholders as appropriate and
23 available, shall analyze and provide recommendations on the
24 following:

25 (1) the demographic groups and populations that are
26 currently represented and underrepresented in clinical

1 trials in Illinois, including representation of groups
2 based on their geographic location;

3 (2) the barriers that prevent persons who are members
4 of underrepresented demographic groups from participating
5 in clinical trials in Illinois, including barriers related
6 to transportation; and

7 (3) approaches for how clinical trials can
8 successfully partner with community-based organizations
9 and others to provide outreach to underrepresented
10 communities.

11 By July 1, 2026, the Department shall issue a report and
12 post on its website the results of the analysis required under
13 this subsection and any recommendations to increase diversity
14 and reduce barriers for participants in clinical trials.

15 (d) The Department shall review the most recent guidance
16 on race and ethnicity data collection in clinical trials
17 published by the United States Food and Drug Administration
18 and establish, using existing infrastructure and tools an
19 Internet website that:

20 (1) provides information concerning methods recognized
21 by the United States Food and Drug Administration for
22 identifying and recruiting persons who are members of
23 underrepresented demographic groups to participate in
24 clinical trials; and

25 (2) contains links to Internet websites maintained by
26 medical facilities, health authorities and other local

1 governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and
2 scientific investigators and institutions that are
3 performing research relating to drugs or medical devices
4 in this State.

5 The Department may apply for grants from any source,
6 including, without limitation, the Federal Government, to fund
7 the requirements of this Section.