

1 AN ACT concerning public health.

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 2310-76 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-76 new)

8 Sec. 2310-76. Chronic Disease Prevention and Health
9 Promotion Task Force.

10 (a) In Illinois, as well as in other parts of the United
11 States, chronic diseases are a significant health and economic
12 problem for our citizens and State government. Chronic diseases
13 such as cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and
14 arthritis are largely preventable non-communicable conditions
15 associated with risk factors such as poor nutrition, physical
16 inactivity, tobacco or alcohol abuse, as well as other social
17 determinants of chronic illness. It is fully documented by
18 national and State data that significant disparity exists
19 between racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups and that the
20 incidence and impact of many of these conditions
21 disproportionately affect these populations.

22 Chronic diseases can take away a person's quality of life
23 or his or her ability to work. The Centers for Disease Control

1 and Prevention reports that 7 out of 10 Americans who die each
2 year, or more than 1.7 million people, die of a chronic
3 disease. In Illinois, studies have indicated that during the
4 study period the State has spent more than \$12.5 billion in
5 health care dollars to treat chronic diseases in our State. The
6 financial burden for Illinois from the impact of lost work days
7 and lower employee productivity during the same time period
8 related to chronic diseases resulted in an annual economic loss
9 of \$43.6 billion. These same studies have concluded that
10 improvements in preventing and managing chronic diseases could
11 drastically reduce future costs associated with chronic
12 disease in Illinois and that the most effective way to trim
13 healthcare spending in Illinois and across the U.S. is to take
14 measures aimed at preventing diseases before we have to treat
15 them. Furthermore, by addressing health disparities and by
16 targeting chronic disease prevention and health promotion
17 services toward the highest risk groups, especially in
18 communities where racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic factors
19 indicate high rates of these diseases, the goals of improving
20 the overall health status for all Illinois residents can be
21 achieved. Health promotion and prevention programs and
22 activities are scattered throughout a number of State agencies
23 with various streams of funding and little coordination. While
24 the State has been looking at making significant changes to
25 healthcare coverage for a portion of the population, in order
26 to have the most effective impact, any changes to the

1 healthcare delivery system in Illinois should take into
2 consideration and integrate the role of prevention and health
3 promotion in that system.

4 (b) Subject to appropriation, within 6 months after the
5 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General
6 Assembly, a Task Force on Chronic Disease Prevention and Health
7 Promotion shall be convened to study and make recommendations
8 regarding the structure of the chronic disease prevention and
9 health promotion system in Illinois, as well as changes that
10 should be made to the system in order to integrate and
11 coordinate efforts in the State and ensure continuity and
12 consistency of purpose and the elimination of disparity in the
13 delivery of this care in Illinois.

14 (c) The Department of Public Health shall have primary
15 responsibility for, and shall provide staffing and technical
16 and administrative support for the Task Force in its efforts.
17 The other State agencies represented on the Task Force shall
18 work cooperatively with the Department of Public Health to
19 provide administrative and technical support to the Task Force
20 in its efforts. Membership of the Task Force shall consist of
21 18 members as follows: the Director of Public Health, who shall
22 serve as Chair; the Secretary of Human Services or his or her
23 designee; the Director of Aging or his or her designee; the
24 Director of Healthcare and Family Services or his designee; 4
25 members of the General Assembly, one from the State Senate
26 appointed by the President of the Senate, one from the State

1 Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one from
2 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
3 House, and one from the House of Representatives appointed by
4 the Minority Leader of the House; and 10 members appointed by
5 the Director of Public Health and who shall be representative
6 of State associations and advocacy organizations with a primary
7 focus that includes chronic disease prevention, public health
8 delivery, medicine, health care and disease management, or
9 community health.

10 (d) The Task Force shall seek input from interested parties
11 and shall hold a minimum of 3 public hearings across the State,
12 including one in northern Illinois, one in central Illinois,
13 and one in southern Illinois.

14 (e) On or before July 1, 2010, the Task Force shall, at a
15 minimum, make recommendations to the Director of Public Health
16 on the following: reforming the delivery system for chronic
17 disease prevention and health promotion in Illinois; ensuring
18 adequate funding for infrastructure and delivery of programs;
19 addressing health disparity; and the role of health promotion
20 and chronic disease prevention in support of State spending on
21 health care.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.