

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 609

PRINTER NO. 892

AMOUNT

No Adverse Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 6, 2015

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Mensch

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 609 creates the Prostate Cancer Surveillance, Education, Detection and Treatment Act.

SB 609 directs the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a task force for the purpose of investigating, raising awareness, and making recommendations concerning prostate cancer and related prostate cancer conditions.

The bill requires the Secretary of Health to appoint the members of the task force within 45 days of the effective date of the act. Specifies that the task force shall be composed of the following individuals:

- Secretaries of Health, State, Aging, and Human Services;
- Insurance Commissioner;
- Four physicians with knowledge concerning treatment of prostate cancer and related chronic prostate conditions of which two are board certified in urology and two are practicing radiation oncologists treating prostate cancer;
- An epidemiologist who has expertise in prostate cancer;
- Two representatives from patient groups;
- One prostate cancer patient or family member; and
- Two registered nurses, one of who must be a certified registered nurse practitioner and both of who are knowledgeable concerning prostate cancer.

The bill requires the task force to convene its first meeting within 90 days of the effective date. Within one year of the first meeting, the task force shall issue a report with recommendations to the Secretary of Health who shall transmit the report to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and the House Health Committee.

The bill prohibits members of the task force from receiving compensation for their services, but they are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses which will be reimbursed by DOH.

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The bill specifies that DOH shall develop programs of information and education as well as programs on accessing screening regardless of insurance coverage. Requires DOH to cooperate with other governmental departments and professional associations in disseminating educational materials, and to identify and apply for public and private grants and funding to carry out the provisions of the act.

This act expires on June 30, 2019.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT:

SB 609 will have no adverse fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. DOH would be required to reimbursement the members of the task force for actual and necessary expenses. This reimbursement could be absorbed by Department of Health's General Government Operations appropriation.