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SENATE BILL 347

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

Sponsors: Senators Purcell, Bingham, and Mansfield.

Referred to: Health Care.

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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.

