

HB 560 -- Patient Education and Healthcare Cost Improvement Pilot Program

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This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services, in conjunction with the Department of Insurance and the University of Missouri-Kansas City Hospitals and Clinics, to establish the Comprehensive Patient Education and Healthcare Cost Improvement Pilot Program. The purpose of the program is to improve the availability of patient information regarding risks and complications associated with elective surgical procedures.

In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires that the program incorporate effective patient education programs into the pre-operative consultation and informed consent processes;
- (2) Requires the program to be implemented no later than six months after funding is made available. The program will terminate after three years of operation;
- (3) Specifies the components of the educational system used in the program;
- (4) Requires the department to monitor the program and to submit a report to the Director of the Department of Insurance and the General Assembly; and
- (5) Contains the subject areas the report is required to examine.