

HB 1834 -- Missouri Commission on Prevention and Management of Obesity

Sponsor: Bland

This bill establishes the Missouri Commission on Prevention and Management of Obesity within the Department of Health and Senior Services. The duties of the commission include:

- (1) Collecting and analyzing data on the extent to which Missourians suffer from obesity and about the economic impact on the state for the failure to treat obesity;
- (2) Listing programs and services available to address the needs of overweight children and adults and identifying moneys dedicated to maintain these programs and services;
- (3) Identifying cultural, environmental, and socioeconomic barriers to the prevention and management of obesity;
- (4) Making recommendations for the state to increase obesity prevention and management and the estimated costs to implement the recommendations;
- (5) Coordinating with specified federal and state agencies to share resources and information to ensure a comprehensive approach to preventing and treating obesity and obesity-related conditions; and
- (6) Submitting a report to the Governor, House of Representatives Budget Committee, and Senate Appropriations Committee no later than August 28, 2010, including proposed legislation and information about the economic burden of obesity, available programs and services, and the barriers to the programs and services.

The membership of the commission is specified, and the department director will serve as the chair. The commission must have its first meeting by October 1, 2008.

The department is required by January 1, 2009, to establish and maintain a resource databank containing information about obesity and obesity-related subjects. The databank must be available to the general public and be accessible through the department's web site. The department may also provide technical assistance to schools and school districts to create a healthy school nutrition environment.

The bill contains an emergency clause.