

SCS HCS HB 1375 -- TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF CERTAIN SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

This bill changes the laws regarding the treatment and prevention of certain sexually transmitted diseases.

HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS BROCHURE

The Department of Health and Senior Services is required to develop an informational brochure relating to the connection between human papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer and that an immunization against the infection is available. The department must make the brochure available on its web site and must notify each public school district of the availability of the brochure. The brochure must be provided directly to parents as the district deems appropriate and cannot be distributed to students. The bill specifies the information to be included in the brochure.

EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY

A licensed physician is allowed to use expedited partner therapy under certain conditions by dispensing and prescribing medications to the partner of a person diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea even when there is no existing physician/patient relationship. The physician must provide an explanation and guidance to the patient on the preventative measures that can be taken to stop the spread of the condition. A physician using expedited partner therapy will be immune from civil liability unless the action is negligent, reckless, in bad faith, or with malicious purpose.