

HB 2065 -- Prostate Cancer Pilot Program

Sponsor: Morris

Subject to appropriations, this bill establishes the Prostate Cancer Pilot Program within the Department of Health and Senior Services to fund prostate cancer screening and treatment services and to provide education to men residing in the state. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Specifies that the program is open to uninsured or economically challenged men who are at least 50 years of age and uninsured or economically challenged men between 35 and 50 years of age who are at high risk for prostate cancer;

(2) Requires the program to provide prostate cancer screening, referral services, treatment, and outreach and education activities;

(3) Requires the department to distribute grants to local health departments and federally qualified health centers for the administration of the program; and

(4) Requires the department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by September 1, 2012, regarding the number of individuals screened and treated by the program, including racial and ethnic data, and any cost savings as a result of the early detection of prostate cancer.

The provisions of the bill will expire three years from the effective date.