

HB 2670 -- PUBLIC HEALTH

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The bill repeals references to the Infection Control Advisory Panel established in current law. Duties of the panel are transferred to the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Department is no longer required to consult with the panel or implement the panel's suggested recommendations.

Currently, the Hospital Industry Data Institute publishes a report of Missouri hospitals', ambulatory surgical centers', and abortion facilities' compliance with standardized quality of care measures established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for prevention of infections related to surgical procedures. If the Institute fails to do so, the Department is authorized to publish the information. This bill repeals that provision.

The bill additionally repeals references to the Missouri Arthritis Advisory Board and the Arthritis Program Review Committee. Beginning October 2026, this bill establishes regional arthritis programs, subject to appropriations, that are designed to improve knowledge and access to arthritis management among adults with the disease.

The bill repeals the requirement that there be at least one regional arthritis center in seven regions of the state.

Currently, each public school district and private or parochial school must report to the Department the results of its examinations for asbestos. The bill changes this provision to require schools and other political subdivisions to maintain reports and assessments relating to asbestos. The report's findings must be made available to the school's, school district's, or subdivision's employees and to the public.