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SUMMARY

■ Requires the Department of Health, during a state of emergency relating to infectious disease, to compile and publish on its website certain numeric, per capita, and timing information about the disease.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Publication of data during infectious disease emergencies

The bill establishes requirements for compiling and publishing disease prevalence and related information within 14 days after the Governor declares an emergency relating to infectious disease. These responsibilities are given to the Department of Health.[1]

The information that must be compiled under the bill pertains to the number of people tested for the disease, cases, hospitalizations, intensive care unit admissions, deaths, and recoveries. The information must be presented as numeric totals and on a per capita basis. Dates must be presented for the onset of symptoms, hospitalizations, intensive care unit admissions, hospital releases, and deaths.[2]

The information must be presented at both the state and county levels. All information must be organized by age, race, and sex. The Department must differentiate between cases confirmed by laboratory testing and cases that are presumed based on clinical observation.[3]

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[1] R.C. 3701.147.

[2] R.C. 3701.147(A).

[3] R.C. 3701.147(B).

Information must be updated every 24 hours for the duration of the emergency, when possible. All information must be in one location on the Department's website and available for download. For a minimal fee, the Department must provide a paper copy upon request.[4]

HISTORY

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[4] R.C. 3701.147(C) and (D).