

SENATE BILL No. 397

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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AN ACT concerning the secretary of health and environment; providing for the establishment of an electronic communicable disease reporting system; establishing criteria for the system.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Within the limits of appropriations therefor, the secretary of health and environment shall establish a computer information system of near real-time automated and electronic communicable disease reporting which is designed to assist in the identification of potential outbreaks of communicable disease or bioterrorism events and which provides near real-time information to public health personnel and health care providers.

(b) The electronic communicable disease reporting system shall be designed to: (1) Allow for importing data to existing systems; (2) shorten the communicable disease outbreak detection or identification cycle by decreasing manual data entry and reporting, thereby improving the timeliness of communicable disease reports; (3) increase the volume of reporting of diseases and reduce under-reporting of diseases; (4) improve the quality of data collected by increasing the completeness of required data fields; (5) provide automatic alerting to key individuals and agencies of critical events such as identification of potential communicable disease outbreaks or bioterrorism agents; (6) provide detailed reports for trend analysis; (7) provide laboratory orders information to assist in early detection of potential outbreaks of communicable disease or bioterrorism events; (8) provide reports simultaneously to authorized jurisdictions and individuals; and (9) provide aggregate reports to contributing health care providers including medical care facilities.

(c) The secretary of health and environment may adopt rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.