

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a pilot program to require reporting of
3 methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 81, Health and Safety
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.0445 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 81.0445. MRSA REPORTING PROCEDURES PILOT PROGRAM. (a)

8 The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services
9 Commission by rule shall develop and the department shall establish
10 a pilot program to research and implement procedures for reporting
11 cases of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

12 (b) The department shall select to administer the program a
13 health authority that:

14 (1) demonstrates an interest in hosting the program;

15 and

16 (2) possesses adequate resources to administer the
17 program successfully.

18 (c) The pilot program must:

19 (1) require all clinical laboratories within the area
20 served by the health authority to report all cases of
21 methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus to the pilot program
22 administrator;

23 (2) track the prevalence of methicillin-resistant
24 Staphylococcus aureus;

1 (3) study the cost and feasibility of expanding the
2 list of reportable diseases established under this chapter to
3 include methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus;

4 (4) develop a methodology for the electronic exchange
5 of information regarding the occurrence of methicillin-resistant
6 Staphylococcus aureus within the area served by the health
7 authority;

8 (5) collect data and analyze findings regarding the
9 sources and possible prevention of methicillin-resistant
10 Staphylococcus aureus;

11 (6) provide for the reporting to the public by the
12 department of information regarding methicillin-resistant
13 Staphylococcus aureus;

14 (7) compile and make available to the public a
15 summary, by location, of the infections reported; and

16 (8) make recommendations to the department regarding
17 Subdivisions (1) through (7).

18 (d) Not later than September 1, 2009, the department, in
19 consultation with the health authority administering the pilot
20 program, shall submit to the legislature a report concerning the
21 effectiveness of the pilot program in tracking and reducing the
22 number of methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infections
23 within the area served by the health authority.

24 (e) This section expires, and the pilot program is
25 abolished, September 1, 2009.

26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

H.B. No. 1082

1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1082 was passed by the House on May 4, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1082 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Atrey Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 15 JUN 07

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
5 PM O'CLOCK

JUN 15 2007

Roger Winnie
Secretary of State