

**Senate File 2090 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2009)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act establishing a lyme disease task force.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LYME DISEASE TASK FORCE AND REPORT.

2 1. The department of public health shall establish and  
3 facilitate a task force to examine the prevalence and treatment  
4 of chronic lyme disease in the state.

5 2. The membership of the task force shall include but is not  
6 limited to the following:

7 a. A representative of the department of public health.

8 b. A representative of the board of medicine.

9 c. A representative of the Iowa medical society.

10 d. A representative from the university of Iowa hospitals  
11 and clinics.

12 e. An advocate concerned about chronic lyme disease.

13 f. Other members as the department of public health deems  
14 necessary.

15 3. The task force shall discuss the prevalence of lyme  
16 disease including chronic lyme disease in the state, the  
17 appropriate treatment of lyme disease including chronic lyme  
18 disease, patient methodologies, studies on the effectiveness  
19 of various treatments for chronic lyme disease, legislative  
20 proposals concerning lyme disease or chronic lyme disease,  
21 board of medicine actions concerning lyme disease or chronic  
22 lyme disease, any difficulty in diagnosing persons with chronic  
23 lyme disease in the state, the availability of treatment  
24 options for persons with chronic lyme disease in the state, and  
25 other topics deemed appropriate by the department of public  
26 health. The task force shall focus primarily on chronic lyme  
27 disease.

28 4. The task force shall develop recommendations concerning  
29 tracking of chronic lyme disease, appropriate care protocols  
30 for chronic lyme disease, ways to promote public awareness  
31 of chronic lyme disease, availability of diagnosis tools and  
32 treatment options for persons with chronic lyme disease in the  
33 state, and other recommendations deemed appropriate by the  
34 department of public health. The task force shall include cost  
35 projections for all recommendations.

1 5. The task force shall, by December 15, 2014, submit a  
2 report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, the  
3 general assembly, and the department of public health.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill requires the department of public health (DPH) to  
8 establish and facilitate a task force concerning lyme disease.  
9 The task force shall discuss the prevalence, treatment,  
10 patient methodologies, legislative proposals, and board of  
11 medicine actions concerning lyme disease and chronic lyme  
12 disease. The bill requires the task force to discuss any  
13 difficulty in diagnosing and availability of treatment of  
14 persons with chronic lyme disease. The bill also requires the  
15 task force to develop recommendations for tracking the disease,  
16 appropriate care protocols, and public awareness of chronic  
17 lyme disease. The bill also requires the recommendations to  
18 address the availability of diagnosis tools and treatment  
19 options for persons with chronic lyme disease in the state.  
20 The bill directs the task force to submit its findings and  
21 recommendations to the governor, general assembly, and the  
22 department of public health by December 15, 2014.