

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to infectious disease control;  
3 directing the Department of Health to convene a study  
4 group to evaluate and make recommendations regarding  
5 certain activities related to antibiotic-resistant  
6 bacteria; providing for qualifications and appointment  
7 of study group members; authorizing reimbursement for  
8 travel expenses; providing duties and responsibilities  
9 of the study group; requiring submission of a report  
10 and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by  
11 a specified date; providing an appropriation;  
12 providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health, as the state's  
17 lead agency for infection control policy, shall convene a study  
18 group to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the  
19 efficacy of state surveillance, mandatory reporting, public  
20 notification, prevention, and response activities related to  
21 antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

22 (2) (a) The study group must include, at a minimum,  
23 representatives of licensed facilities, including representation  
24 from licensees under chapter 395, chapter 400, chapter 429, and  
25 part I of chapter 483, Florida Statutes; licensed health care  
26 practitioners, including representation from licensees under

27 chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 464, and chapter 474, Florida  
 28 Statutes; the Agency for Health Care Administration; the  
 29 Department of Elderly Affairs; and the Department of Health. At  
 30 least one member of the study group must be a certified  
 31 infection control practitioner.

32 (b) Members of the study group may be reimbursed for  
 33 travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

34 (3) The study group shall evaluate the list of currently  
 35 reportable antibiotic-resistant bacteria; reporting procedures,  
 36 including the content and format of the reports; notification  
 37 procedures, including the modes and the network of distribution;  
 38 and response procedures, including coordination with other  
 39 departments and agencies of state government, county and  
 40 municipal governments, school boards, the United States Centers  
 41 for Disease Control and Prevention, facilities that may be  
 42 affected by an outbreak, and the public. The study group shall  
 43 examine ways to expand public access to information that relates  
 44 to the presence of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections.

45 (4) The study group shall submit a report of its findings  
 46 and a recommended action plan for implementation, together with  
 47 any recommended legislation, to the Governor, the President of  
 48 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no  
 49 later than January 1, 2015.

50 Section 2. For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sum of  
 51 \$50,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Administrative Trust Fund  
 52 is appropriated to the Department of Health for the purpose of

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53 | implementing the provisions of this act.

54 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.