

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Bean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to infectious disease control;
3 requiring the Department of Health to convene a task
4 force to evaluate activities related to antibiotic-
5 resistant bacteria; specifying appointments; providing
6 duties and responsibilities of the task force;
7 requiring the task force to submit a report, an action
8 plan, and recommendations to the Governor, the
9 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House
10 of Representatives; amending s. 400.141, F.S.;
11 revising the type of pneumococcal vaccine given to
12 nursing home residents; deleting obsolete language;
13 providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. The Department of Health shall convene a task
18 force to evaluate and make recommendations related to the
19 efficacy of state surveillance, mandatory reporting, public
20 notification, prevention, and response activities related to
21 antibiotic-resistant bacteria. The task force must include, at a
22 minimum, representatives of facilities licensed under chapter
23 395, chapter 400, and part I of chapter 483, Florida Statutes;
24 health care practitioners licensed under chapter 458, chapter
25 459, chapter 464, and chapter 474, Florida Statutes; a
26 representative from the Agency for Health Care Administration;
27 and a representative from the Department of Health. At least two
28 members of the task force must be certified infection control
29 practitioners. Members of the task force may be reimbursed for

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30 travel expenses. The task force shall evaluate the list of
31 currently reportable antibiotic-resistant bacteria; reporting
32 procedures, including content and format of the reports;
33 notification procedures, including the modes and the network of
34 distribution; and response procedures, including coordination
35 with other departments and agencies of state government, county
36 and municipal governments, school boards, the Centers for
37 Disease Control and Prevention, facilities that may be affected
38 by an outbreak, and the public. The task force may evaluate
39 other issues it deems necessary and appropriate. The task force
40 shall submit a report of its findings and an action plan for
41 implementation, together with any recommendations of necessary
42 legislation, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
43 the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than July
44 1, 2015.

45 Section 2. Paragraph (t) of subsection (1) of section
46 400.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

47 400.141 Administration and management of nursing home
48 facilities.—

49 (1) Every licensed facility shall comply with all
50 applicable standards and rules of the agency and shall:

51 (t) Assess all residents within 5 working days after
52 admission for eligibility for pneumococcal ~~polysaccharide~~
53 vaccination or revaccination ~~(PPV)~~ and vaccinate residents when
54 indicated within 60 days ~~after the effective date of this act~~ in
55 accordance with the recommendations of the United States Centers
56 for Disease Control and Prevention, subject to exemptions for
57 medical contraindications and religious or personal beliefs.
58 ~~Residents admitted after the effective date of this act shall be~~

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59 ~~assessed within 5 working days of admission and, when indicated,~~
60 ~~vaccinated within 60 days in accordance with the recommendations~~
61 ~~of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,~~
62 ~~subject to exemptions for medical contraindications and~~
63 ~~religious or personal beliefs.~~ Immunization shall not be
64 provided to any resident who provides documentation that he or
65 she has been immunized as required by this paragraph. This
66 paragraph does not prohibit a resident from receiving the
67 immunization from his or her personal physician if he or she so
68 chooses. A resident who chooses to receive the immunization from
69 his or her personal physician shall provide proof of
70 immunization to the facility. The agency may adopt and enforce
71 any rules necessary to comply with or implement this paragraph.

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