

HB 370 -- Prostate Cancer Pilot Program

Sponsor: Carter

Subject to appropriations, this bill establishes two prostate cancer pilot programs within the Department of Health and Senior Services to fund prostate cancer screening and treatment services and to provide education to men residing in the state. One program must be located in an urban area and the other in a rural area. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires the program to be open to uninsured or economically challenged men who are at least 50 years of age and to uninsured or economically challenged men between 35 and 50 years of age who are at high risk for prostate cancer;
- (2) Requires the program to provide prostate cancer screening, referral services, treatment, and outreach and education activities;
- (3) Requires, upon appropriations, the department to distribute grants to local health departments and federally qualified health centers for the administration of the program; and
- (4) Requires the department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly three years from the date on which the grants were first administered regarding the number of individuals screened and treated under the program and any cost savings as a result of early detection of prostate cancer.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.