

HB 667 -- PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAMS

Subject to securing a cooperative agreement with a non-profit entity for funding, 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 St. Louis City and one in Pemiscot, New Madrid, or Dunklin county. The department can contract with the Missouri Foundation for Health to implement the pilot programs. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Specifies that the programs must be open to uninsured men or men who have a gross income of up to 150% of the federal poverty level and who are at least 50 years of age or between 35 and 49 years of age who are at high risk for prostate cancer;

(2) Requires the programs to provide prostate cancer screening, referral and treatment services, and outreach and education activities;

(3) Requires, upon appropriation, the department to distribute grants to local health departments and federally qualified health centers for the administration of the programs; and

(4) Requires the department to report to the Governor and General Assembly three years after the initial grants were first administered regarding the number of individuals screened and treated under the programs, including racial and ethnic data, and any cost savings as a result of the early detection of prostate cancer.

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