

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6067

November 12, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Hood, Dievendorf, Steckloff, Hope, Paiz, Price, Hill, Tsernoglou, Mentzer, Weiss, Brabec, Conlin, McKinney, Fitzgerald, Neeley, O'Neal, Brixie, Rheingans, Skaggs, Arbit, Edwards, Scott and Byrnes and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
by amending sections 2617 and 2619 (MCL 333.2617 and 333.2619),  
section 2619 as added by 1984 PA 82.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 2617. The health information system ~~shall~~**must** include  
2    statistics relative to:  
3           (a) The causes, effects, extent, and nature of illness and  
4    disability of the people of this state, or a grouping of its  
5    people, which may include the incidence and prevalence of various

1 acute and chronic illnesses and infant and maternal morbidity and  
2 mortality.

3 (b) The impact of illness and disability of the people of this  
4 state on the economy of this state and on other aspects of the  
5 well-being of its people or a grouping of its people.

6 (c) Environmental, social, and other health hazards and health  
7 knowledge and practices of the people of this state, **including, but**  
8 **not limited to, any variation in environmental exposure that may be**  
9 **linked to cancer incidence and outcomes recorded under section**  
10 **2619.**

11 (d) Determinants of health and nutritional practices and  
12 status, including behavior related to health.

13 (e) Health resources, which may include health care  
14 institutions.

15 (f) The utilization of health care, which may include the  
16 utilization of ambulatory health services by specialties and types  
17 of practice of the health professionals providing the services, and  
18 services of health facilities and agencies **as that term is** defined  
19 in section 20106 and other health care institutions.

20 (g) Health care costs and financing, which may include the  
21 trends in health care prices and costs, the sources of payments for  
22 health care services, and federal, state, and local governmental  
23 expenditures for health care services.

24 Sec. 2619. (1) The department shall establish a registry to  
25 record cases of cancer and other specified tumorous and  
26 precancerous diseases that occur in the state, and to record  
27 information concerning these cases, **including any potential**  
28 **relationship with environmental exposures,** as the department  
29 considers necessary and appropriate in order to conduct

1 epidemiologic surveys of cancer and cancer-related diseases in the  
2 state.

3 (2) Each diagnosed case of cancer and other specified tumorous  
4 and precancerous diseases ~~shall~~**must** be reported to the department  
5 ~~pursuant to~~**under** subsection (4), or reported to a cancer reporting  
6 registry if the cancer reporting registry meets standards  
7 established ~~pursuant to~~**under** subsection (4) to ensure the accuracy  
8 and completeness of the reported information. A person or facility  
9 required to report a diagnosis ~~pursuant to~~**under** subsection (4) may  
10 elect to report the diagnosis to the state through an existing  
11 cancer registry only if the registry meets minimum reporting  
12 standards established by the department.

13 (3) The department shall maintain comprehensive records of all  
14 reports submitted ~~pursuant to~~**under** this section. These reports  
15 ~~shall be~~**are** subject to the same requirements of confidentiality as  
16 provided in section 2631 for data or records concerning medical  
17 research projects.

18 (4) The director shall promulgate rules ~~which~~**that** provide for  
19 all of the following:

20 (a) A list of tumorous and precancerous diseases other than  
21 cancer to be reported ~~pursuant to~~**under** subsection (2).

22 (b) The quality and manner in which the cases and other  
23 information described in subsection (1) are reported to the  
24 department.

25 (c) The terms and conditions under which records disclosing  
26 the name and medical condition of a specific individual and kept  
27 pursuant to this section are released by the department.

28 (5) This section does not compel an individual to submit to  
29 medical or department examination or supervision.

1           (6) The department shall partner with other governmental  
2 entities to develop a user-friendly interface that visually  
3 demonstrates, in a map format, the geographic variation in  
4 environmental exposures that are potentially linked to cancer  
5 incidence and outcomes in this state. The department shall  
6 highlight cancer clusters on the user-friendly interface that may  
7 be useful for scientific investigation. In developing the user-  
8 friendly interface under this subsection, the department shall do  
9 all of the following:

10           (a) Utilize a community-engaged approach that provides  
11 opportunities for community involvement at all stages during the  
12 investigation of unusual patterns of the occurrence of cancer,  
13 including, but not limited to, reporting of suspected cancer  
14 clusters, reviewing and discussing the methodological approaches  
15 for assessing cancer clusters, and broadly sharing information with  
16 community members.

17           (b) Follow best practice guidelines from the Centers for  
18 Disease Control and Prevention during all phases of a cancer  
19 cluster assessment.

20           (c) Use innovative statistical methods, software tools, and  
21 analytic approaches to analyze cancer rates and detect cancer  
22 clusters.

23           (7) ~~(6)~~The department may contract for the collection and  
24 analysis of, and research related to, the epidemiologic data  
25 required under this section.

26           (8) ~~(7)~~ Within 2 years after the effective date of this  
27 section, ~~the~~ **The** department shall ~~begin evaluating~~ **evaluate** the  
28 reports collected ~~pursuant to~~ **under** subsection (2). ~~The~~ **Not later**  
29 **than June 30 each year, the** department shall publish and make

1 available to the public reports summarizing the information  
2 collected. ~~The first summary report shall be published not later~~  
3 ~~than 180 days after the end of the first 2 full calendar years~~  
4 ~~after the effective date of this section. Subsequent annual summary~~  
5 ~~reports shall be made on a full calendar year basis and published~~  
6 ~~not later than 180 days after the end of each calendar year.~~

7 ~~(8) Reporting pursuant to subsection (2) shall begin the next~~  
8 ~~calendar year after the effective date of this section.~~

9 ~~(9) This section shall take effect July 1, 1984.~~