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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 36-133 AND 36-699, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION; RELATING TO MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 36-133, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 36-133. Chronic disease surveillance system; confidentiality;
5 immunity; violation; classification
6 A. A central statewide chronic disease surveillance system is
7 established in the department. Diseases in the surveillance system shall
8 include cancer, birth defects and other chronic diseases required by the
9 director to be reported to the department.
10 B. The department, in establishing the surveillance system, shall:
11 1. Provide a chronic disease information system.
12 2. Provide a mechanism for patient follow-up.
13 3. Promote and assist hospital cancer registries.
14 4. Improve the quality of information gathered relating to the
15 detection, diagnosis and treatment of patients with cancer, birth defects and
16 other diseases included in the surveillance system.
17 5. Monitor the incidence patterns of diseases included in the
18 surveillance system.
19 6. Pursuant to rules adopted by the director, establish procedures for
20 reporting diseases included in the surveillance system.
21 7. Identify population subgroups at high risk for cancer, birth
22 defects and other diseases included in the surveillance system.
23 8. Identify regions of this state that need intervention programs or
24 epidemiological research, detection and prevention.
25 9. Establish a data management system to perform various studies,
26 including epidemiological studies, and to provide biostatistic and
27 epidemiologic information to the medical community relating to diseases in
28 the surveillance system.
29 C. A person who provides a case report to the surveillance system or
30 who uses case information from the system authorized pursuant to this section
31 is not subject to civil liability with respect to providing the case report
32 or accessing information in the system.
33 D. The department may authorize other persons and organizations to use
34 surveillance data:
35 1. To study the sources and causes of cancer, birth defects and other
36 chronic diseases.
37 2. To evaluate the cost, quality, efficacy and appropriateness of
38 diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative and preventive services and programs
39 related to cancer, birth defects and other chronic diseases.
40 3. TO NOTIFY FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH BIRTH DEFECTS OF AVAILABLE
41 SERVICES.
42 E. Information collected on individuals by the surveillance system
43 that can identify an individual is confidential and may be used only pursuant
44 to this section. A person who discloses confidential information in
45 violation of this section is guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor.

1 Sec. 2. Section 36-699, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
2 36-699. Folic acid supplements; distribution; counseling;
3 funding

4 A. The department shall establish a program to distribute folic acid
5 supplements to women of childbearing age and to provide them with counseling
6 and information regarding the proper use of the supplements.

7 B. **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AUTHORIZE** local health departments ~~shall~~ **AND**
8 **OTHER ENTITIES TO** distribute the supplements and provide the counseling and
9 information services.

10 C. To distribute the supplements and provide the counseling as
11 prescribed by this section, the department may use monies appropriated by the
12 legislature for the federal women, infants and children food program.

13 Sec. 3. Appropriation; folic acid education; exemption

14 A. The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in
15 fiscal year 2007-2008 to the department of health services for folic acid
16 education to promote prenatal health awareness regarding the use of folic
17 acid and multivitamins by women of childbearing age to prevent birth defects.

18 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
19 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to
20 lapsing of appropriations.