



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 626**

February Session, 2024

Substitute House Bill No. 5425

*House of Representatives, April 30, 2024*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING MEN'S HEALTH.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Public Health shall develop a public awareness and educational  
3 campaign to promote community-based screening and education for  
4 common diseases affecting high-risk male populations, including, but  
5 not limited to, colorectal cancer, prostate cancer, hypertension, diabetes,  
6 high cholesterol, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma,  
7 infectious diseases, depression and anxiety.

8 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the  
9 commissioner shall report to the joint standing committee of the General  
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health  
11 regarding the public awareness and educational campaign.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2024	New section
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**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	20,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires that the Department of Public Health (DPH) develop a public awareness and educational campaign by 1/1/25 to promote community-based screening for common diseases affecting certain high-risk male populations, which is anticipated to result in a one-time consultant cost to DPH of approximately \$20,000 in FY 25.

**The Out Years**

There is no fiscal implement to DPH in the out years as it is not tasked with implementing the campaign that it develops.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the public health commissioner to create a public awareness and educational campaign promoting community-based screening and education for common diseases (e.g., colorectal or prostate cancer, hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, infectious diseases, depression, and anxiety) affecting high-risk male populations. The commissioner must annually report on the campaign to the Public Health Committee, starting by January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

**BACKGROUND**

***Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 457) to the Appropriations Committee, which reported a substitute that removed provisions (1) requiring the commissioner to implement, not just create, this campaign and (2) allowing her to contract with local organizations and community health workers to implement it.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/22/2024)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 53 Nay 0 (04/22/2024)