

**CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF SEXUALLY
TRANSMITTED DISEASES**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Phil Riesen

Senate Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Health and Human Services Interim Committee recommended this bill.

General Description:

This bill amends the Communicable Disease and Control Act of the Health Code.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ requires the Department of Health and local health departments to provide information to the public and health care professionals about:

- the health consequences of untreated sexually transmitted diseases;
- medical options for treatment of sexually transmitted diseases; and
- services and medical benefits that are available for treatment of sexually

transmitted diseases.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

▶ as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, ~~Ⓢ→~~ ~~[\$350,000]~~ \$175,000 ~~←Ⓢ~~

from the

General Fund for fiscal year ~~Ⓢ→~~ ~~[2007-08]~~ 2008-09 ~~←Ⓢ~~ to the Department of Health.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:



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28 AMENDS:

29 **26-6-3**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1996, Chapter 211

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31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

32 Section 1. Section **26-6-3** is amended to read:

33 **26-6-3. Authority to investigate and control epidemic infections and**
 34 **communicable disease.**

35 (1) The department has authority to investigate and control the causes of epidemic
 36 infections and communicable disease, and shall provide for the detection, reporting,
 37 prevention, and control of communicable diseases and epidemic infections or any other health
 38 hazard which may affect the public health.

39 (2) (a) As part of the requirements of Subsection (1), the department shall distribute to
 40 the public and to health care professionals:

41 (i) medically accurate information about sexually transmitted diseases that may cause
 42 infertility and sterility if left untreated, including descriptions of:

43 (A) the probable side effects resulting from an untreated sexually transmitted disease,
 44 including infertility and sterility;

45 (B) medically accepted treatment for sexually transmitted diseases; and

46 (C) the medical risks commonly associated with the medical treatment of sexually
 47 transmitted diseases; and

47a ~~§~~→ suggest screening by a private physician; and ←~~§~~

48 (ii) information about:

49 (A) public ~~§~~→ [and private] ←~~§~~ services and agencies available to assist individuals with
 50 obtaining treatment for the sexually transmitted disease;

51 (B) medical assistance benefits that may be available to the individual with the
 52 sexually transmitted disease; and

53 (C) abstinence before marriage and fidelity after marriage being the surest prevention
 54 of sexually transmitted disease.

55 (b) The information required by Subsection (2)(a):

56 (i) shall be distributed by the department and by local health departments free of
 57 charge;

58 (ii) shall be relevant to the geographic location in which the information is distributed

59 by:

60 (A) listing addresses and telephone numbers for ~~§~~→ public ←~~§~~ clinics and agencies
 60a providing services

61 in the geographic area in which the information is distributed; and

62 (B) providing the information in English as well as other languages that may be
 63 appropriate for the geographic area.

64 (c) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the department shall develop written
 65 material that includes the information required by this Subsection (2).

66 (ii) In addition to the written materials required by Subsection (2)(c)(i), the department
 67 may distribute the information required by this Subsection (2) by any other methods the
 68 department determines is appropriate to educate the public ~~§~~→ excluding public schools ←~~§~~ .
 68a including websites, toll free
 69 telephone numbers, and the media.

70 (iii) If the information required by Subsection (2)(b)(ii)(A) is not included in the
 71 written pamphlet developed by the department, the written material must include either a
 72 website, or a 24-hour toll free telephone number that the public may use to obtain that
 73 information.

74 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

75 As an ongoing appropriation, subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated
 76 from the General Fund for fiscal year ~~§~~→ [2007-08, \$350,000] 2008-09, \$175,000 ←~~§~~ to the
 76a Department of Health to fund
 77 the education, prevention, and treatment efforts ~~H~~→ only for chlamydia and gonorrhea as
 77a authorized by [required by] ←~~H~~ Subsection 26-6-3(2).

Legislative Review Note

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Fiscal Note**H.B. 15 - Control and Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases - As Amended**

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State Impact

The bill includes an ongoing appropriation of \$175,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health to fund a statewide educational program regarding sexually transmitted diseases.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Local health departments may experience cost changes due to changes in client behavior resulting from the education program.