



State Legislative Update: Public Health Accreditation

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KS	SB 160 (2013)	Local health department; prohibition of accreditation requirements.	<p>The determination of the roles, responsibilities, standards and duties of the secretary of health and environment, county boards of health, local health officers and local health program administrators shall be the sole responsibility of the state legislature or combined responsibility of the state legislature and the governing board of a county or municipality, unless otherwise specified by state law.</p> <p>All state and local public health agencies shall be prohibited from seeking, requesting, implementing, advocating or promoting any form of local health department accreditation or similar process that intentionally or unintentionally violates the spirit or intent of subsection (a).</p> <p>No state or local public health agency shall be permitted to assist, coordinate or participate in any activities with any person, public agency or private entity that seeks, requests, implements, advocates or promotes any form of local health department accreditation or similar process that intentionally or unintentionally violates the spirit or intent of subsection (a).</p>	Senate Hearing: Monday, February 18, 2013, 02/13/2013
KY	HB 258 (2010)	Relating to the accreditation of health departments	To create to Kentucky Commission on Public Health within the Finance Administration Cabinet; establish membership and duties of the commission including that all health departments achieve national accreditation and maintain accreditation by the national Public Health Accreditation Board, by December 31, 2019; require the commission to submit an annual report; appropriate \$500,000 to operate the commission.	Passed House; Died in Senate committee
	HB 39 (2012)	AN ACT relating to the accreditation of health departments and making an appropriation	Create a new section of to create the Kentucky Commission on Public Health within the Public Health Leadership Institute at the University of Kentucky under KRS Chapter 164; establish membership and duties of the commission including that all health departments achieve national accreditation and maintain accreditation by the national Public Health Accreditation Board, by December 31, 2020; require the commission to submit an annual report; appropriate \$500,000 to operate the commission.	Died
	HR 98 (2012)	Encourage all local public health departments to pursue national accreditation and the Kentucky Public Health Leadership Institute to promote this goal.	<p>The members of the House of Representatives encourage all local public health departments to pursue national accreditation to improve best practices in the assessment, monitoring, and educating on health of the citizens of the Commonwealth and encourage the Kentucky Public Health Leadership Institute to promote this goal.</p> <p>The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Kentucky Public Health Leadership Institute, University of Kentucky College of Public Health, 121 Washington Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky 40536-0003, with the purpose of distributing it to all 58 public health departments.</p>	Died

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	HB 206 (2012)	AN ACT relating to the accreditation of health departments and making an appropriation therefor	Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to create the Kentucky Commission on Public Health within the Public Health Leadership Institute at the University of Kentucky under KRS Chapter 164; establish membership and duties of the commission including that all health departments achieve national accreditation and maintain accreditation by the national Public Health Accreditation Board, by December 31, 2020; require the commission to submit an annual report; appropriate \$500,000 to operate the commission.	Died
	HB 360 (2013)	AN ACT relating to the accreditation of health departments and making an appropriation	The Kentucky Commission on Public Health is hereby created within the Public Health Institute at the University of Kentucky. The commission shall: (a) Ensure that all health departments in Kentucky achieve national accreditation and maintain accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board, or any successor entity, by December 31, 2020;(b) Ensure that all health departments in Kentucky undertake quality improvement efforts and other activities designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of services; (c)Provide technical support and assistance to health departments seeking accreditation and program and capacity improvements;(d)Make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding activities designed to improve the functioning of health departments in the Commonwealth; and (e)Seek out state or non-state resources and federal or foundation grants to help health departments achieve improvements	Died
ME	HP 953 (2009)	An Act To Establish and Promote Statewide Collaboration and Coordination in Public Health Activities and To Enact a Universal Wellness Initiative	The Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health, established under Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 14-G, is a representative statewide body of public health stakeholders for collaborative public health planning and coordination. The Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health shall: (1) Participate as appropriate to help ensure the state public health system is ready and maintained for accreditation ; (2) Provide a mechanism for the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development under Title 2, section 104 to obtain statewide input for the state health plan under Title 2, section 103; (3) Provide a mechanism for disseminating and implementing the state health plan; and (4) Assist the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention in planning for the essential public health services and resources to be provided in each district and across the State in the most efficient, effective and evidence-based manner possible.	Adopted 6/10/2009
MT	HB 473 (2011)	Revises Public Health Services	Among other things, provides for a pilot project for implementing national public health standards. (1) Subject to available funding, the public health and safety division of the department of public health and human services shall administer a pilot project to assist local public health agencies, as defined in 50-1-101, and tribal public health agencies in creating a community health assessment, a community health improvement plan, and a strategic plan to continue to prepare for national public health accreditation , develop a standards-based public health system for Montana, and define sustainability through the	Died in Committee 4/28/11

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			strategic planning process by using nationally recognized public health standards and guidelines that are based on the 10 essential public health services as outlined by the national association of county and city health officials, the centers for disease control and prevention, the public health accreditation board , and other national public health organizations. The public health standards and guidelines include but are not limited to the operational definition of a functional local, state, or tribal health department and the national public health performance standards for local, state, and tribal health departments.	
MT	HB 173 (2009)	Pilot project to help local public health agencies meet national guidelines	<p>Subject to available funding, the department of public health and human services shall administer a pilot project to assist local public health agencies, as defined in 50-1-101, with preparing for national accreditation by using nationally recognized public health standards and guidelines that are based on the 10 essential public health services as outlined by the national association of county and city health officials, the centers for disease control and prevention, the public health accreditation board, and other national public health organizations. The public health standards and guidelines include but are not limited to the operational definition of a functional local health department and the national public health performance standards.</p> <p>The department shall: (a) develop grant application and review criteria in accordance with this section; (b) establish protocol, policy, goals, strategies, and timelines for the local public health agencies selected for the pilot project; (c) establish evaluation criteria for the pilot project; (d) provide materials and training to pilot project counties; and (e) complete and submit a final report to the 2011 legislature as provided in 5-11-210.</p> <p>The public health system improvement task force and the pilot project agencies shall report the following information to the appropriate interim committees of the legislature by September 15, 2010: (a) the estimated costs of becoming accredited agencies through the national accreditation program, based on their experiences in the pilot project, including information that explains how the costs were determined; (b) their assessments of the ability of Montana's local public health agencies serving jurisdictions with varying population sizes in becoming accredited agencies through the national accreditation program, including funding and other resource management issues and challenges they encountered; (c) suggestions for preparing local public health agencies for national accreditation that are relevant to the populations each pilot project agency serves; (d) the public health benefits created by the pilot project activities for residents within each pilot project agency's jurisdiction; (e) how their efforts met the nationally recognized public health standards and guidelines described in subsection (1); and (f) recommendations for improving the local public health system and creating a sustainable model for local public health agencies in Montana.</p>	Adopted 5/4/2009
	HB 183 (2008)	Pilot project to help local public health agencies meet	Pilot project for implementing national public health standards. (1) The department of public health and human services shall administer a pilot project to assist local public health agencies , as defined in 50-1-101, with preparing for national accreditation by using nationally recognized public health standards and	Died

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NC	HB 200 (2011)	Appropriations Act of 2011	The Local Health Department Accreditation Board is established within the North Carolina Institute for Public Health. The Board shall be composed of 17 members appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services as follows: (1) Four shall be county commissioners recommended by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and four shall be members of a local board of health as recommended by the Association of North Carolina Boards of Health. (2) Three local health directors. (3) Three staff members from the Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services. (4) Three at large.	Governor's Veto Overridden 6/15/11
	SB 433 HB 580 (2011)	Local Human Services Administration	<p>In order to promote efficiency and effectiveness of the public health delivery system, the Department shall establish a Public Health Improvement Incentive Program. The Program shall provide monetary incentives for the creation and expansion of multicounty local health departments serving a population of not less than 75,000. The Commission shall adopt rules to implement the Public Health Improvement Incentive Program.</p> <p>By July 1, 2014, in order for a local health department to be eligible to receive State and federal public health funding from the Division of Public Health, the following criteria shall be met: A local health department shall obtain and maintain accreditation pursuant to 49 G.S. 130A-34.1. The county or counties comprising the local health department shall maintain operating appropriations to local health departments from local ad valorem tax receipts at levels equal to amounts appropriated in State fiscal year 2010-2011.</p> <p>A local health department shall assure that the following 10 essential public health services are available and accessible to the population in each county served by the local health department: (1) Monitoring health status to identify community health problems. (2) Diagnosing and investigating health hazards in the community. (3) Informing, educating, and empowering people about health issues. (4) Mobilizing community partnerships to identify and solve</p>	Died

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			<p>health problems. (5) Developing policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts. (6) Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety. (7) Linking people to needed personal health care services and assuring the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable. (8) Assuring a competent public health workforce and personal health care workforce. (9) Evaluating effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services. (10) Conducting research.</p> <p>The Department of Health and Human Services shall allocate, from funds appropriated, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Division of Public Health to provide incentives to local health departments through the Public Health Improvement Incentive Program.</p> <p>The Program Evaluation Division of the General Assembly shall study the feasibility of the transfer of all functions, powers, duties, and obligations vested in the Division of Public Health in the Department of Health and Human Services to the University of North Carolina Healthcare System and/or the School of Public Health at The University of North Carolina and submit its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services no later than February 1, 2012.</p>	
	SB 551 (2011)	Establish state public health authority	Notwithstanding any other provision of law, only health departments accredited by the Local Health Department Accreditation Board established under G.S. 130A-34.1 or operating as a regional public health authority are eligible to receive State funds or federal funds as pass-through grants administered by State and local agencies unless provided otherwise by federal law.	Died
NH	HB 120 (2011)	Extending the public health services improvement council	There is established a public health improvement services council to improve the New Hampshire public health system's capacity to provide essential services, to monitor the implementation of existing public health improvement plans, and to develop a public health improvement plan which shall be based on the 10 essential public health services and shall recommend priorities and strategies to improve the public health system and health status of New Hampshire residents, taking into consideration national health objectives and systems standards such as the National Public Health Performance Standards and the Public Health Accreditation Board .	Died
OH	HB 59 (2013)	To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.	As a condition precedent to receiving funding from the department of health, the director of health may require general or city health districts to be accredited not later than July 1, 2018, by an accreditation body approved by the director.	Referred To Committee Senate Finance - 04/25/2013
RI	HR 6006 (2011)	Creating the RI State Public Health Study Commission	This resolution would create a twelve (12) member special legislative commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study and review of all matters related to the state public health assessment, policy development, and proper implementation of policy; and make recommendations to	Adopted 5/24/11

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			coordinate and integrate academic and research programs relevant to state health; and who would report back to the General Assembly no later than January 4, 2012; and whose life would expire June 30, 2012. The Institute of Medicine's various public health reports and the public health accreditation Board's standards shall advise and direct the commission's work to analyze public health policies, programs, codes, regulations, and expenses.	
VT	HB 202 SB 57 (2010)	An act relating to a universal and unified health system	The department of health shall: (1) Conduct studies, develop state plans, and administer programs and state plans for hospital survey and construction, hospital operation and maintenance, medical care, and treatment of alcoholics and alcoholic rehabilitation substance abuse. (2) Provide methods of administration and such other action as may be necessary to comply with the requirements of federal acts and regulations as relate to studies, development of plans and administration of programs in the fields of health, public health, health education, hospital construction and maintenance, and medical care. (3) Appoint advisory councils, with the approval of the governor. (4) Cooperate with necessary federal agencies in securing federal funds which become available to the state for all prevention, public health, wellness, and medical programs. (5) Seek accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. (6) Create a state health improvement plan and facilitate local health improvement plans in order to encourage the design of healthy communities and to promote policy initiatives that contribute to community, school, and workplace wellness, which may include providing assistance to employers for wellness program grants, encouraging employers to promote employee engagement in healthy behaviors, and encouraging the appropriate use of the health care system.	(H) Adopted 5/26/11