

Amendment to HB 1356

1 Amend RSA 126-A:75 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 126-A:75 Data Sharing Between the Department of Environmental Services and the  
4 Department of Health and Human Services.

5 I. The department of environmental services and the department of health and human  
6 services shall develop and implement a method by which the departments share certain health  
7 outcome and environmental data. On or before September 1, 2018, the commissioners of the  
8 department of environmental services and the department of health and human services shall:

9 (a) Enter into an updated memorandum of agreement on cooperation regarding data  
10 sharing between the department of health and human services and the department of  
11 environmental services.

12 (b) Sign a joint standard operating procedure on how data layers can be shared between  
13 the 2 departments to identify linkages between environmental contaminants and health outcomes  
14 in a collaborative fashion.

15 (c) Hold a presentation on the departments' ongoing, joint efforts under the Centers for  
16 Disease Control and Prevention environmental public health tracking cooperative agreement.

17 (d) Make a presentation to the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic  
18 illness, established in RSA 126-A:73, regarding the departments' use of the standard operating  
19 procedure developed under subparagraph (b) to compare data, analyze community impacts, and  
20 communicate the results to the community.

21 II. Nothing in this section shall require the disclosure of confidential or personally  
22 identifiable information otherwise protected by state or federal law. In order to assure the privacy  
23 of protected health information, only non-protected health information or aggregated data shall be  
24 made available where it is pertinent to the matter being assessed.

25 III. On or before September 1, 2018, the commissioners of the department of environmental  
26 services and the department of health and human services shall submit a report regarding the data  
27 sharing practices required under paragraph I to the speaker of the house of representatives, the  
28 senate president, the state library, and the commission to study environmentally-triggered chronic  
29 illness, established in RSA 126-A:73. The report shall include a description and estimate of the cost  
30 to perform a 2-way pilot project between the departments on arsenic in drinking water, where both  
31 health effects and environmental data exist.