

No. 1980-224

AN ACT

HB 230

Creating the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, providing authorization for the Secretary of Health, upon the recommendation of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board, to award grants and contracts for cancer control, prevention and research to associations organized in Pennsylvania and to governmental agencies in Pennsylvania.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Act."

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

"Board." The Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board established by this act.

"Cancer." All malignant neoplasms, regardless of the tissue of origin, including malignant lymphoma and leukemia.

"Secretary." The Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 3. Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board.

(a) There is hereby created in the Department of Health the "Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board." The board shall consist of 11 members, all of whom shall be Pennsylvania residents, ten of whom the Governor shall appoint by and with the consent of a majority of the Senate. Of the ten appointed, three shall be distinguished scientists and physicians in the field of cancer, one shall be a qualified professional nurse engaged in the practice of oncological nursing, one shall be skilled in health care administration and two with substantial experience in the field of public health, one of whom shall be a professional nurse engaged in the practice of community health nursing, and three consumer members. The Secretary of Health shall be a member of the board.

(b) The terms of the members shall be four years from the respective date of their appointment except that the initial appointments shall be made in such a manner so that four members be appointed for terms of four years, three members be appointed for terms of three years, and three members be appointed for terms of two years.

(c) A chairman shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of four years.

(d) The board shall meet no less than four times annually at the call of the chairman or, in his absence or incapacity at the call of the Secretary of Health. Six members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of exercising all of the powers of the board. A vote of the majority of the members present shall be sufficient for all actions of the board.

(e) Each board member, except the secretary, shall receive actual travelling expenses and other necessary expenses.

(f) No member of the board shall participate in any discussions and decisions to recommend grants or contracts to any qualified association or to any agency of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions with which the member is associated as a member of the governing body or as an employee, or with which the member has entered into any contractual arrangement.

Section 4. Responsibilities of the board.

(a) The board shall have the power to prescribe, amend and repeal bylaws governing the manner in which the business of the board is conducted.

(b) The board shall advise the secretary with respect to cancer control, prevention and research in Pennsylvania.

(c) The board shall approve each year a program for cancer control, prevention and research to be known as the "Pennsylvania Cancer Plan."

(d) In order to implement in whole or in part the Pennsylvania Cancer Plan, the board shall recommend to the secretary the awarding of grants and contracts to qualified associations or governmental agencies in order to plan, establish or conduct programs in cancer control or prevention, cancer education and training and cancer clinical research.

(e) Grants and contracts may be recommended for:

- (1) Cancer registry.
- (2) Cancer screening, detection and prevention.
- (3) Cancer epidemiology and biostatistical studies.
- (4) Cancer community outreach programs.
- (5) Cancer rehabilitation.
- (6) Communication and planning among cancer institutions.
- (7) Cancer education and information.
- (8) Cancer training.
- (9) Cancer clinical research.

(f) Consistent with the Pennsylvania Cancer Plan the board shall give its first priority to funding grants and contracts relating to subsection (e)(1), (2) and (3); second priority to funding grants and contracts relating to subsection (e)(4), (5) and (6); third priority to funding grants and contracts relating to subsection (e)(7), (8) and (9).

(g) The following criteria shall be given consideration for recommending grants and contracts for programs:

(1) the relevancy of applicant's proposal to the Pennsylvania Cancer Plan; and

(2) the feasibility of the applicant's proposal.

(h) The board shall recommend to the secretary rules and regulations consistent with law as it may deem necessary for the performance of its duties and the proper administration of this act.

(i) The board shall report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a full description of the grants and contracts funded pursuant to this act, the amount of the grant or contract, an outline of the proposal on which the grant was based, and the results achieved as a result of the grant.

Section 5. Responsibilities of the secretary.

(a) The secretary shall award grants and contracts only from among those recommended by the board to qualified Pennsylvania associations and governmental agencies in order to plan, establish or conduct programs in cancer control and prevention, cancer education and training and cancer research. The secretary may request additional recommendations from the board.

(b) The secretary shall provide such staff, information and other assistance as the secretary may deem necessary for the completion of the board's responsibilities. Such staff shall be responsible to the secretary.

Section 6. Cancer registry.

(a) The Department of Health shall establish a system for the Statewide collection and dissemination of data on cases of cancer by anatomical site, medical and occupational history of patients, stage of disease and other data necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act as determined by the department.

(b) Persons in charge of hospitals and laboratories shall be required by the Department of Health, in accordance with its regulations adopted with the advice of the board to report cases of cancer on forms furnished by the department.

(c) The reports required pursuant to this act shall be confidential and not open to public inspection or dissemination. This shall not restrict the collection and analysis of data by the Department of Health or those with whom the department contracts, subject to strict supervision by the Department of Health to insure that the use of the reports is limited to specific research purposes.

Section 7. Sunset provisions.

With the exception of section 6, this act shall expire on June 30, 1984, unless otherwise extended by an act of the General Assembly.

Section 8. Effective date.

This act shall take effect January 1, 1981.

APPROVED—The 18th day of December, A. D. 1980.

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