

## CHAPTER 134

**AN ACT** concerning human papillomavirus and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes and Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.26:4-95.3 Findings, declarations relative to HPV.

1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
  - a. The human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States, and can be transmitted without intercourse;
  - b. Although most HPV infections are benign and many strains clear on their own, certain strains have serious consequences, including cervical cancer and genital warts;
  - c. HPV has been detected in over 90% of cervical cancer cases, and the American Cancer Society estimates that over 9,700 new cases of HPV-related cervical cancer will occur in the United States this year; and
  - d. It is appropriate to take measures through education to significantly reduce medical problems and deaths attributable to HPV.

C.18A:40-42 Educational fact sheet about HPV.

2. a. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, shall develop an educational fact sheet about the human papillomavirus (HPV) for distribution to parents or guardians of students in grades seven through 12. The educational fact sheet shall include information about the causes, symptoms and means of transmission of HPV, and where additional information can be obtained.
  - b. For the 2007-2008 school year, a school district shall distribute to parents and guardians of students in grades seven through 12 the educational fact sheet on HPV, in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.
  - c. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, a school district shall distribute the educational fact sheet annually to parents or guardians of students in grade seven in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Education.
  - d. The Commissioner of Education also shall make the educational fact sheet available to private schools educating students in grades seven through 12. Such schools are encouraged, but not required, to distribute the fact sheet to parents or guardians of students at the school.

C.26:4-95.4 Public awareness campaign about HPV.

3. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education and the Director of the Division on Women in the Department of Community Affairs, shall establish a public awareness campaign to inform the general public about the clinical significance and public health implications of the human papillomavirus, including its causes and the most effective means of prevention and treatment. The public awareness campaign shall be established in accordance with accepted public health practice and recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and within the limits of available funds and any other resources available for the purposes thereof.
  - b. The commissioner shall prepare a patient information brochure regarding the human papillomavirus, including its causes and the most effective means of prevention and treatment. The department shall distribute the pamphlet, at no charge, to all pediatricians in the State. The department shall update the pamphlet as necessary, and shall make additional copies of the pamphlet available to other health care providers upon request.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 6, 2007.