

~~(vi)~~ (VII) Strategies to increase immunizations among those adults and children recommended to receive immunizations, including catch-up immunizations.

(i) On or before December 15 of each year, the Commission shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2002, as amended by Chapter 200 of the Acts of 2005

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of [6] 8 years and, at the end of May 31, [2008.] 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The report of the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations that is due on December 15, 2007, shall contain recommendations on whether the State should consider implementing a Universal Vaccine Purchasing System or take other appropriate action to increase access to necessary vaccines.

(b) In developing its recommendations, the Commission shall:

(1) consult with all interested stakeholders;

(2) review the structure, cost, scope, success, and implementation issues of similar programs in other states;

(3) consider any existing State or federal programs or funds, or any other source of funds, that may be available to mitigate the cost and administrative burden of any proposed new program; ~~and~~

(4) provide a range of policy, structure, cost, and scope options to be considered in any proposed new program;

(5) consider the feasibility and advisability of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to reimburse for vaccine administration on a per-antigen basis as an alternative to reimbursing on a per-dosage basis; and