

**Senate Bill No. 739: The Charge  
Excerpts**

This bill would establish the Hospital Infectious Disease Control Program, which would require the department and general acute care hospitals to implement various measures relating to disease surveillance and the prevention of health care associated infection (HAI). In that regard, the bill would require the department, by July 1, 2007, to appoint a Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Advisory Committee, composed of specified members, that would be **required to make recommendations related to methods of reporting cases of hospital acquired infections occurring in general acute care hospitals**, as provided.

(c) The Healthcare Associated Infection Advisory Committee shall make recommendations for phasing in the implementation and **public reporting of additional process measures and outcome measures by January 1, 2008**, and, in doing so, shall consider the measures recommended by the CDC.

**Conclusion:**

**SB 739 charges the Committee to identify and phase-in process AND outcome measure for public reporting. The generation of entity specific MRSA hospital-associated bacteremia rates (numerator and denominator, as defined by the Working Group) versus reporting only of number (numerator only) of occurrences is consistent with the intent of this legislation.**