

HOUSE BILL No. 2338

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to sickle cell disease;
2 designating sickle cell awareness week; requiring the department of
3 health and environment to study and report on topics related to sickle
4 cell disease.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) The third full week in September each year is
8 designated as sickle cell disease awareness week. Sickle cell disease is a
9 genetic disease in which a person's body produces abnormally shaped red
10 blood cells that resemble a crescent and do not last as long as normal,
11 round red blood cells, leading to anemia. Residents of Kansas are
12 encouraged to appropriately observe the awareness week by increasing
13 awareness of sickle cell disease and efforts to improve treatment options
14 for patients.

15 (b) (1) During at least one regularly scheduled meeting each calendar
16 year, the advisory council established by the secretary of health and
17 environment pursuant to K.S.A. 65-180(i), and amendments thereto, shall
18 devote time to:

19 (A) Discuss and evaluate whether the available covered medications,
20 treatments and services are adequate to meet the needs of medical
21 assistance beneficiaries with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease;

22 (B) review information on treatments for sickle cell disease in late-
23 stage studies that show promise in peer-reviewed medical literature; and

24 (C) review the importance of healthcare provider education on the
25 disproportionate impact of sickle cell disease on specific minority
26 populations.

27 (2) After the review required by paragraph (1), the department of
28 health and environment, under the guidance of any appropriate advisory
29 council as directed by the secretary of health and environment, may
30 develop a report on the issues described in paragraph (1) to be made
31 available to the public. The department may solicit expert testimony or
32 input on such issues, and such testimony or input may be compiled and
33 published on the department's website.

34 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
35 publication in the statute book.