

House Bill 607

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Department of Public Health, so as to provide for a two-year pilot program for home visiting  
3 in homes of children with asthma to help families identify and reduce exposure to asthma  
4 triggers; to provide for training of home visitors; to provide for assessments of the home  
5 environment; to provide for administrative and technical assistance for the pilot program; to  
6 provide for evaluation of the pilot program; to provide for reporting; to provide for  
7 termination of the pilot program and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to  
8 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department  
12 of Public Health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

13 "31-2A-19.1.

14 (a) The Department of Public Health shall develop, implement, and conduct a two-year  
15 pilot program to provide home visiting in homes of children with asthma to assess and

16 provide education about the home environment and potential asthma triggers and make  
17 recommendations to reduce exposure to such triggers, with emphasis on environmental risk  
18 factor management.

19 (b) The department shall establish procedures and promulgate rules and regulations for the  
20 establishment and operation of the pilot program, including:

21 (1) Establishing training requirements for home visitors and minimum requirements for  
22 supervision of such home visitors;

23 (2) Developing assessments of home environments for use by home visitors to identify  
24 common asthma triggers in the home and document discussion and implementation of  
25 methods to reduce and remove asthma triggers;

26 (3) Providing administrative and technical assistance to the program, including assistance  
27 in data collection and other activities related to the evaluation of the pilot program; and

28 (4) Establishing measures to determine the impact of family home visits and conducting  
29 ongoing evaluations of the pilot program using qualitative goals and quantitative outcome  
30 and performance measures.

31 (c) No later than June 30, 2026, and annually for the duration of the pilot program, the  
32 department shall submit a detailed written report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House  
33 of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the chairpersons of the House  
34 Committee on Public Health and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on the  
35 implementation and effectiveness of the pilot program. The final report shall include  
36 recommendations as to the expansion or permanency of the pilot program and changes to  
37 state law or policy relative to such recommendations.

38 (d) The pilot program created by this Code section shall terminate on June 30, 2028, and  
39 this Code section shall stand repealed on such date."

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## SECTION 2.

41 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.