

# Amendment Summary

## A13777(D. White)

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Amendment A13777 removes the current language in the bill and replaces it with that of Senate Bill 210 (Greenleaf—printer's number 1992), the Lyme and Related Tick-Borne Disease Education, Prevention and Treatment Act.

Under the amendment, a task force on Lyme disease and related-tick-borne diseases would be established under the Department of Health (DOH). The task force would investigate and make recommendations to the department regarding surveillance and prevention measures.

The task force would work in cooperation with the Game Commission, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Education, and the Department of Environmental Protection on various informational and educational efforts.

The amendment also removes the "shall" provision for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop an intense program of active population-based and active tick surveillance, and replaces it with a "may" provision.