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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes several changes to current public health statutes. The bill (a) authorizes a municipality to contract with federally recognized American Indian tribes located in another state; (b) requires the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to provide reports of communicable diseases in animals to local health officer for the area in which the animal is located in addition to DHFS; (c) requires the Department to promote cooperation and formal agreements among the state, LPHDs, federally recognized American Indian tribes, and the federal Indian Health Service with regard to various aspects of public health planning and service delivery; (d) requires the Department to collaborate with local public health departments (LPHDs) on an ongoing basis; (e) makes changes to current reporting requirements regarding American Indian tribes and laboratories; (f) requires pharmacists to make currently required reports electronically or in writing and to LPHDs as well as to the Department; (g) requires coroners or medical examiners to report the fact that a deceased individual had a communicable disease; and, (h) requires the Department to develop a public health agenda every ten years.

Currently, if the Governor has declared a state of emergency related to public health, the Department may order an individual to receive a vaccination and may quarantine or isolate an individual who refuses to do so. This bill requires DHFS to provide an individual with the opportunity to receive a vaccination voluntarily or to refuse to do so before a vaccination can be required. The Dept. must also request an individual to accept voluntary quarantine or isolation before ordering this isolation.

During periods of public health emergency, it will be necessary to control any potential spread in communicable disease as quickly as possible. If the Department is required to allow an individual who has been identified with a potentially threatening communicable disease to refuse vaccination before being allowed to vaccinate or quarantine the individual, the delay caused by this procedure may result in additional individuals becoming infected with the disease. As a result, the cost to the public health system to control this disease outbreak would be likely to increase. There is a potential for increased costs as a result of this section of the bill, but it is not possible to estimate these costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications