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AN ACT CONCERNING BIOLEVEL-THREE LABORATORIES.

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PUBLIC ACT NO. 96-149

AN ACT CONCERNING BIOLEVEL-THREE LABORATORIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:
(NEW) (a) For purposes of this section, (1) a "biolevel-three laboratory" or "laboratory" means a laboratory which is operated by an institution of higher education and is designed and equipped under guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health and the National Centers for Disease Control as a biolevel-three laboratory, and (2) "biolevel-three agent" means an agent classified as a biolevel-three agent by the National

Institutes of Health and the National Centers for Disease Control.

(b) If an institution which operates a biolevel-three laboratory establishes a biosafety committee pursuant to the National Institutes of Health or the National Centers for Disease Control guidelines, such committee shall (1) forward the minutes of its meetings to the Department of Public Health and (2) meet at least annually with a representative of the Department of Public Health to review safety procedures and discuss health issues relating to the operation of the laboratory.

(c) Each such institution shall report to the Department of Public Health any infection or injury relating to work at the laboratory with biolevel-three agents and any incidents relating to such work which result in a recommendation by the institution that employees or members of the public be tested or monitored for potential health problems because of the possibility of infection or injury or incidents which pose a threat to public health.

(d) Each such institution shall report to the Department of Public Health any sanctions imposed on the laboratory or on the institution for incidents occurring at the laboratory by the National Institutes of Health, the National Centers for Disease Control, the United States Department of Defense or any other government agency.

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