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Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE JUSTICE
DEMONSTRATION PILOT PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Triple Bottom Line Justice" or "TBLJ" means the integration of
3 evidence-based practice, rule of law and meaningful community
4 engagement to tackle health, environmental and economic challenges
5 faced by communities.

6 (2) "ICD-10 Z codes" means the subset of diagnostic codes in the most
7 recent edition of the International Classification of Diseases that
8 document social, economic and environmental determinants known to
9 affect health and health-related outcomes.

10 (3) "Environmental and climate stressors" means physical, chemical,
11 biological or climate-related conditions in the external environment that
12 adversely impact human physical and mental health, including, but not
13 limited to, air, land and water pollution, extreme heat and severe
14 weather events.

15 (4) "Brownfields to Healthfields" or "B2H" means the TBLJ
16 methodology for community-led brownfield redevelopment in areas
17 with pollution, disease, poverty and violence to transform contaminated
18 properties into reuses that strengthen children, family and community
19 resiliency, equity and vitality.

20 (b) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Public Health,
21 in consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
22 Protection, shall establish a Triple Bottom Line Justice demonstration
23 pilot program to serve as a proof-of-concept for TBLJ programming
24 relating to B2H and ICD-10 Z codes. The commissioner shall establish
25 such program in a city with a population of more than one hundred
26 forty-eight thousand, as determined in accordance with the most recent
27 decennial United States census and contract with an existing
28 community-led redevelopment organization located in such city to
29 administer the program.

30 (c) The goal of the program shall be to: (1) Delineate the methodology
31 and outcomes for environmental remediation achieved through B2H to
32 produce educational curriculum and programming for application to
33 communities in the state; (2) support the use of ICD-10 Z codes to assess
34 the potential to generate additional resources to support health care for
35 communities experiencing environmental and climate stressors; and (3)
36 delineate the integrated environmental, health and economic benefits of
37 B2H and the potential cost savings to the state generated by federal and
38 state brownfields funding.

39 (d) (1) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the
40 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall (A)
41 identify a list of ICD-10 Z codes that are relevant to environmental and
42 climate stressors, and (B) develop and implement a plan, not later than
43 January 1, 2030, to increase the utilization rate of such codes to at least
44 twenty per cent of all health insurance claims submitted for
45 reimbursement. Not later than January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter
46 until January 1, 2030, the Commissioner of Public Health shall report, in

47 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on such plan to the
48 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
49 of matters relating to public health, the environment and insurance.
50 Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the utilization rate
51 of ICD-10 Z codes for the prior calendar year, climate and
52 environmental health trends based on such utilization rate relevant to
53 environmental and climate stressors and recommendations to increase
54 such utilization rate.

55 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the
56 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and the
57 organization administering the pilot program, shall design and
58 implement an education program for health care providers, hospital
59 systems, patients and communities regarding the use of ICD-10 Z codes.

60 (e) Not later than January 1, 2028, the Commissioner of Public Health,
61 in consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
62 Protection, shall issue a final report, in accordance with section 11-4a of
63 the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
64 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, the
65 environment and insurance regarding the findings and
66 recommendations of the pilot program. The pilot program shall
67 terminate on the date the commissioner issues such report or January 1,
68 2028, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a Triple Bottom Line Justice demonstration pilot program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

