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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 161

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ENVIRONMENT QUALITY DEPT. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study providing notifications to residents and the feasibility of providing free medical monitoring after the release of toxic air emissions from certain facilities.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to study providing  
3 notifications to residents and the feasibility of providing free medical monitoring  
4 after the release of toxic air emissions from major sources.

5 WHEREAS, the purity of the air in the environment is a matter of vital concern to  
6 the welfare of the people of the state and all efforts should be taken to promote an  
7 environment free from substances that jeopardize the health of its citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, regulations and policies for economic and industrial development  
9 should include efforts to provide citizens living in areas under threat of toxic air emissions  
10 from major sources with scientific information and resources to help them avoid negative  
11 health effects associated with an exposure to harmful substances; and

12 WHEREAS, the ability to protect the citizens of the state depends upon the adequacy  
13 of emergency response plans, and such plans should include rapid notification of the release  
14 of any toxic air emission to residents who live in an area affected by such emission, and  
15 should also include the latest scientific data regarding the substance released and any  
16 potential health complications associated with the emission; and

17 WHEREAS, such plans should also include access to free and timely medical  
18 monitoring provided to residents who have been exposed to toxic air emissions in an effort

