

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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**23-15. Increase the number of States (including the District of Columbia) that review and evaluate their public health laws using such tools as the Turning Point Model State Public Health Act and the Model State Emergency Health Powers Act.**

**23-15a. States and the District of Columbia that use the Turning Point Model State Public Health Act**

<b>National Data Source</b>	Center for Law and the Public's Health, Georgetown University Law Center and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
<b>State Data Source</b>	Center for Law and the Public's Health, Georgetown University Law Center and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	New subobjective (see Comments). Revised text (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Number.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	30 (2003)
<b>Target</b>	51
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Total coverage.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of States and the District of Columbia that use the Turning Point Model State Public Health Act to evaluate their public health laws.
<b>Denominator</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	State health departments.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Periodic.

## Comments

The Turning Point Model State Public Health Act is designed to serve as a tool for state, local, and tribal governments to use to revise or update public health statutes and administrative regulations. The Center for Law and the Public's Health at Georgetown University Law Center and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health will periodically assess State reviews and legislative activity related to the *Turning Point Model State Public Health Act* and the *draft Model State Emergency Health Powers Act*.

Objective 23-15 moved from developmental to measurable during the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The objective text was revised due to the lack of data sources for Federal, Tribal, and local jurisdictions. Two subobjectives were created, one addressing the use of the Turning Point model, and the other addressing the use of the Model State Emergency Health Powers Act.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.