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11	The Committee on Government Efficiency Appropriations (Diaz de
12	la Portilla) recommended the following amendment:
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
15	Delete everything after the enacting clause
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17	and insert:
18	Section 1. <u>It is the intent of the Legislature to</u>
19	provide funding to support grants for biomedical research in
20	this state with the anticipation that sustained funding for
21	biomedical research over a period of years will lead to an
22	alleviation of human suffering from diseases such as cancer
23	and Alzheimer's disease. It is the intent of the Legislature
24	to dramatically reduce this state's inordinately high cancer
25	burden, reducing both cancer incidence and mortality, while
26	advancing scientific endeavors in this state, making this
27	state a world-class leader in cancer research and treatment.
28	Further, it is the intent of the Legislature to address the
29	debilitating and deadly effects of Alzheimer's disease by
30	supporting research in Alzheimer's disease statewide through
31	the awarding of research grants on a competitive basis.
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1	Additionally, it is the intent of the Legislature to stimulate
2	dramatic economic development, particularly in the
3	biotechnology industry, through investment in this state's
4	biomedical research.
5	Section 2. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section
6	20.435, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
7	20.435 Department of Health; trust funds
8	(1) The following trust funds are hereby created, to
9	be administered by the Department of Health:
10	(h) Biomedical Research Trust Fund.
11	1. Funds to be credited to the trust fund shall
12	consist of funds deposited pursuant to $\underline{\text{ss.}}$ $\underline{\text{s.}}$ 215.5601 $\underline{\text{and}}$
13	381.922. Funds shall be used for the purposes of the William
14	G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research
15	Program and the James and Esther King Biomedical Research
16	Program as specified in ss. 215.5602 and 288.955. The trust
17	fund is exempt from the service charges imposed by s. 215.20.
18	2. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and
19	pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the
20	end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the
21	end of the year and shall be available for carrying out the
22	purposes of the trust fund. The department may invest these
23	funds independently through the Chief Financial Officer or may
24	negotiate a trust agreement with the State Board of
25	Administration for the investment management of any balance in
26	the trust fund.
27	3. Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s.
28	216.351, any balance of any appropriation from the Biomedical
29	Research Trust Fund which is not disbursed but which is
30	obligated pursuant to contract or committed to be expended may
31	be certified by the Governor for up to 3 years following the
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| effective date of the original appropriation.

- 4. The trust fund shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated on July 1, 2008.
- Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 215.5602, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (11) and (12) are added to that section, to read:
- 215.5602 James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program.--
- (3) There is created within the Department of Health the Biomedical Research Advisory Council.
- (a) The council shall consist of 11 nine members, including: the chief executive officer of the Florida Division of the American Cancer Society, or a designee; the chief executive officer of the Florida/Puerto Rico Affiliate of the American Heart Association, or a designee; and the chief executive officer of the American Lung Association of Florida, or a designee. The Governor shall appoint the remaining eight six members of the council shall be appointed, as follows:
- 1. The Governor shall appoint four members, two members with expertise in the field of biomedical research, one member from a research university in the state, and one member representing the general population of the state.
- 2. The President of the Senate shall appoint two members, one member with expertise in the field of behavioral or social research and one representative from a cancer program approved by the American College of Surgeons.
- 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members, one member from a professional medical organization and one representative from a cancer program approved by the American College of Surgeons.
- 4. One member from a research university in the state.
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1	5. One member representing the general population of
2	the state.
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4	In making <u>these</u> his or her appointments, the Governor <u>, the</u>
5	President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
6	Representatives shall select primarily, but not exclusively,
7	Floridians with biomedical and lay expertise in the general
8	areas of cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and pulmonary
9	disease. The Governor's appointments shall be for a 3-year
10	term and shall reflect the diversity of the state's
11	population. <u>An appointed</u> A council member appointed by the
12	Governor may not serve more than two consecutive terms.
13	(b) The council shall adopt internal organizational
14	procedures as necessary for its efficient organization.
15	(c) The department shall provide such staff,
16	information, and other assistance as is reasonably necessary
17	to assist the council in carrying out its responsibilities.
18	(d) Members of the council shall serve without
19	compensation, but may receive reimbursement as provided in s.
20	112.061 for travel and other necessary expenses incurred in
21	the performance of their official duties.
22	(11) The council shall award grants for cancer
23	research through the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and
24	David Coley Cancer Research Program created in s. 381.922.
25	(12) This section expires January 1, 2011. The
26	Legislature shall review the performance, the outcomes, and
27	the financial management of the James and Esther King
28	Biomedical Research Program during the 2010 Regular Session of
29	the Legislature and shall determine the most appropriate
30	funding source and means of funding the program, based on its
31	review. 4

1	Section 4. All appointments to the Biomedical Research
2	Advisory Council for the James and Esther King Biomedical
3	Research Program which were not made in accordance with s.
4	215.5602, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, shall
5	expire June 30, 2006, but such appointees may continue to
6	serve until their successors are appointed. This section shall
7	take effect upon this act becoming a law.
8	Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 381.855, Florida
9	Statutes, is amended, and subsections (6) and (7) are added to
10	that section, to read:
11	381.855 Florida Center for Universal Research to
12	Eradicate Disease
13	(5) There is established within the center an advisory
14	council that shall meet at least annually.
15	(a) The council shall consist of one representative
16	from a Florida not-for-profit institution engaged in basic and
17	clinical biomedical research and education which receives more
18	than \$10 million in annual grant funding from the National
19	Institutes of Health, to be appointed by the Secretary of
20	Health from a different institution each term, and the members
21	of the board of directors of the Florida Research Consortium
22	and at least one representative from and appointed by each of
23	the following entities:
24	1. The Emerging Technology Commission.
25	1.2. Enterprise Florida, Inc.
26	2.3. BioFlorida.
27	3.4. The Biomedical Research Advisory Council.
28	4.5. The Florida Medical Foundation.
29	5.6. Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of
30	America.
31	7. The Florida Tri-Agency Coalition on Smoking OR 5
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1	Health.
2	6.8. The Florida Cancer Council.
3	7.9. The American Cancer Society, Florida Division,
4	Inc.
5	8.10. The American Heart Association.
6	9.11. The American Lung Association of Florida.
7	10.12. The American Diabetes Association, South
8	Coastal Region.
9	11.13. The Alzheimer's Association.
10	12.14. The Epilepsy Foundation.
11	13.15. The National Parkinson Foundation.
12	14.16. The Florida Public Health Foundation, Inc.
13	15.17. The Florida Research Consortium Scripps Florida
14	or the entity formed in this state by The Scripps Research
15	Institute.
16	(b) Members of the council shall serve without
17	compensation, and each organization represented shall cover
18	all expenses of its representative.
19	(6) Members shall be appointed to 4-year terms of
20	office. The members of the advisory council shall annually
21	elect a chair from among the members of the advisory council.
22	Any vacancy on the advisory council shall be filled in the
23	same manner as the original appointment.
24	(7) The advisory council shall meet at least annually,
25	but may meet as often as it deems necessary to carry out its
26	duties and responsibilities. The advisory council may take
27	official action by a majority vote of the members present at
28	any meeting at which a quorum is present.
29	Section 6. All appointments to the advisory council
30	for the Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate
31	Disease which were not made in accordance with s. 381.855,
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1	Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, shall expire June
2	30, 2006, but such appointees may continue to serve until
3	their successors are appointed. This section shall take effect
4	upon this act becoming a law.
5	Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 381.921, Florida
6	Statutes, is amended to read:
7	381.921 Florida Cancer Council mission and
8	dutiesThe council, which shall work in concert with the
9	Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease to
10	ensure that the goals of the center are advanced, shall
11	endeavor to dramatically improve cancer research and treatment
12	in this state through:
13	(1) Efforts to significantly expand cancer research
14	capacity in the state by:
15	(a) Identifying ways to attract new research talent
16	and attendant national grant-producing researchers to
17	Florida-based cancer research facilities in this state;
18	(b) Implementing a peer-reviewed, competitive process
19	to identify and fund the best proposals to expand cancer
20	research institutes in this state;
21	(c) Funding through available resources for those
22	proposals that demonstrate the greatest opportunity to attract
23	federal research grants and private financial support;
24	(d) Encouraging the employment of bioinformatics in
25	order to create a cancer informatics infrastructure that
26	enhances information and resource exchange and integration
27	through researchers working in diverse disciplines, to
28	facilitate the full spectrum of cancer investigations;
29	(e) Facilitating the technical coordination, business
30	development, and support of intellectual property as it
31	relates to the advancement of cancer research; and
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1	(f) Aiding in other multidisciplinary research-support
2	activities as they inure to the advancement of cancer
3	research.
4	Section 8. Section 381.922, Florida Statutes, is
5	created to read:
6	381.922 William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David
7	Coley Cancer Research Program
8	(1) The William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David
9	Coley Cancer Research Program, which may be otherwise cited as
10	the "Bankhead-Coley Program," is created within the Department
11	of Health. The purpose of the program shall be to advance
12	progress towards cures for cancer through grants awarded
13	through a peer-reviewed, competitive process.
14	(2) The program shall provide grants for cancer
15	research to further the search for cures for cancer.
16	(a) Emphasis shall be given to the goals enumerated in
17	s. 381.921, as those goals support the advancement of such
18	cures.
19	(b) Preference may be given to grant proposals that
20	foster collaborations among institutions, researchers, and
21	community practitioners, as such proposals support the
22	advancement of cures through basic or applied research,
23	including clinical trials involving cancer patients and
24	related networks.
25	(3)(a) Applications for funding for cancer research
26	may be submitted by any university or established research
27	institute in the state. All qualified investigators in the
28	state, regardless of institutional affiliation, shall have
29	equal access and opportunity to compete for the research
30	funding. Collaborative proposals, including those that advance
31	the program's goals enumerated in subsection (2), may be given
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1	preference. Grants shall be awarded by the Secretary of
2	Health, after consultation with the Biomedical Research
3	Advisory Council, on the basis of scientific merit, as
4	determined by an open, competitive peer-review process that
5	ensures objectivity, consistency, and high quality. The
6	following types of applications shall be considered for
7	<u>funding:</u>
8	1. Investigator-initiated research grants.
9	2. Institutional research grants.
10	3. Collaborative research grants, including those that
11	advance the finding of cures through basic or applied
12	research.
13	(b) In order to ensure that all proposals for research
14	funding are appropriate and are evaluated fairly on the basis
15	of scientific merit, the Secretary of Health, in consultation
16	with the council, shall appoint a peer-review panel of
17	independent, scientifically qualified individuals to review
18	the scientific content of each proposal and establish its
19	priority score. The priority scores shall be forwarded to the
20	council and must be considered in determining which proposals
21	shall be recommended for funding.
22	(c) The council and the peer-review panel shall
23	establish and follow rigorous guidelines for ethical conduct
24	and adhere to a strict policy with regard to conflicts of
25	interest. A member of the council or panel may not participate
26	in any discussion or decision with respect to a research
27	proposal by any firm, entity, or agency with which the member
28	is associated as a member of the governing body or as an
29	employee or with which the member has entered into a
30	contractual arrangement. Meetings of the council and the
31	peer-review panels are subject to chapter 119, s. 286.011, and
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1	s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.
2	(4) By December 15 of each year, the Department of
3	Health shall submit to the Governor, the President of the
4	Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a
5	report indicating progress towards the program's mission and
6	making recommendations that further its purpose.
7	(5) The Legislature may annually appropriate funds to
8	the Biomedical Research Trust Fund for the William G. "Bill"
9	Bankhead, Jr., and Davis Coley Cancer Research Program for the
10	purposes of this section.
11	(6) This section expires January 1, 2011. The
12	Legislature shall review the performance, the outcomes, and
13	the financial management of the William G. "Bill" Bankhead,
14	Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program during the 2010
15	Regular Session of the Legislature, and shall determine the
16	most appropriate funding source and means of funding the
17	program, based on its review.
18	Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 561.121, Florida
19	Statutes, is amended to read:
20	561.121 Deposit of revenue
21	(1) All state funds collected pursuant to ss. 563.05,
22	564.06, and 565.12 shall be paid into the State Treasury and
23	disbursed in the following manner:
24	(a)1. Two percent of monthly collections of the excise
25	taxes on alcoholic beverages established in ss. 563.05,
26	564.06, and 565.12 shall be deposited into the Alcoholic
27	Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund to meet the division's
28	appropriation for the state fiscal year.
29	2. Beginning July 1, 2004, there is annually
30	distributed \$15 million to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund
31	within the Department of Elderly Affairs, and these funds are
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annually appropriated to support a contract with the Johnnie

B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute at the

University of South Florida for the purposes of conducting

research, providing grants to researchers, developing and

operating integrated data projects, and providing assistance

to memory disorder clinics as established in s. 430.502. Not

less than 80 percent of these funds shall be distributed

annually by the center as institutional research grants or

investigator-initiated research grants.

- 3. Beginning July 1, 2004, there is annually distributed \$6 million to the Biomedical Research Trust Fund within the Department of Health, and these funds are annually appropriated to the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program. From these funds, up to \$250,000 shall be available annually for the operating costs of the Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease.
- 4. Beginning July 1, 2004, there is annually distributed \$9 million to be paid by warrant drawn by the Chief Financial Officer upon the State Treasury to Florida State University for the School of Chiropractic Medicine.

 Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 216, until the School of Chiropractic Medicine is completely staffed and fully operational, these funds may be used for any purpose by the university.
- (b) The remainder of the funds collected pursuant to ss. 563.05, 564.06, and 565.12 collection shall be credited to the General Revenue Fund.

Section 10. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 1004.445, Florida Statutes, are amended, present subsections (8), (9), and (10) are renumbered as subsections (9), (10), and (11), respectively, and new subsections (8) and (12) are 11 s1826c2d-ge36-tb6

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added to that section, to read:

1004.445 Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute.--

(2)(a) The State Board of Education shall enter into an agreement for the utilization of the facilities on the campus of the University of South Florida to be known as the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute, including all furnishings, equipment, and other chattels used in the operation of those facilities, with a Florida not-for-profit corporation organized solely for the purpose of governing and operating the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute. This not-for-profit corporation, acting as an instrumentality of the state, shall govern and operate the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the State Board of Education and the not-for-profit corporation. The not-for-profit corporation may, with the prior approval of the State Board of Education, create either for-profit or not-for-profit corporate subsidiaries, or both, to fulfill its mission. The not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries are authorized to receive, hold, invest, and administer property and any moneys acquired from private, local, state, and federal sources, as well as technical and professional income generated or derived from practice activities of the institute, for the benefit of the institute and the fulfillment of its mission.

(b) $\frac{1}{1}$. The affairs of the not-for-profit corporation shall be managed by a board of directors who shall serve without compensation. The board of directors shall consist of the President of the University of South Florida and the chair $\frac{12}{12}$ \$1826c2d-ge36-tb6

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of the State Board of Education, or their designees, <u>five</u> 5 representatives of the state universities, and <u>nine</u> no fewer than 9 nor more than 14 representatives of the public who are neither medical doctors nor state employees. Each director who is a representative of a state university or of the public shall be appointed to serve a term of 3 years. The chair of the board of directors shall be selected by a majority vote of the directors. Each director shall have only one vote.

2. The initial board of directors shall consist of the President of the University of South Florida and the chair of the State Board of Education, or their designees; the Of the five university representatives, of whom one shall be appointed by the Governor, two by the President of the Senate, and two by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and of the nine public representatives, of whom three shall be appointed by the Governor, three by the President of the Senate, and three by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Upon the expiration of the terms of the initial appointed directors, all directors subject to 3-year terms of office under this paragraph shall be appointed by a majority vote of the directors and the board may be expanded to include additional public representative directors up to the maximum number allowed. Any vacancy in office shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the term by majority vote of the directors. Any director may be reappointed.

(6) The institute shall be administered by a chief executive officer, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the board of directors of the not-for-profit corporation, and who shall exercise the following powers and duties, subject to the approval of the board of directors:

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- (a) The chief executive officer shall establish programs that fulfill the mission of the institute in research, education, treatment, prevention, and early detection of Alzheimer's disease; however, the chief executive officer may not establish academic programs for which academic credit is awarded and which culminate in the conferring of a degree, without prior approval of the State Board of Education.
- (b) The chief executive officer shall have control over the budget and the moneys appropriated or donated to the institute from private, local, state, and federal sources, as well as technical and professional income generated or derived from practice activities of the institute. However, professional income generated by university faculty from practice activities at the institute shall be shared between the institute and the university as determined by the chief executive officer and the appropriate university dean or vice president.
- (c) The chief executive officer shall appoint representatives of the institute to carry out the research, patient care, and educational activities of the institute and establish the compensation, benefits, and terms of service of such representatives. Representatives of the institute shall be eligible to hold concurrent appointments at affiliated academic institutions. University faculty shall be eligible to hold concurrent appointments at the institute.
- (d) The chief executive officer shall have control over the use and assignment of space and equipment within the facilities.
- (e) The chief executive officer shall have the power to create the administrative structure necessary to carry out 14 4:01 PM 03/31/06 s1826c2d-ge36-tb6

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| the mission of the institute.

- (f) The chief executive officer shall have a reporting relationship to the Commissioner of Education.
- (g) The chief executive officer shall provide a copy
 of the institute's annual report to the Governor and Cabinet,
 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
 Representatives, and the chair of the State Board of
 Education. The annual report shall describe the expenditure of
 all funds and shall provide information regarding research
 that has been conducted or funded by the center, as well as
 the expected and actual results of such research.
 - (h) By August 1 of each year, the chief executive officer shall develop and submit to the Governor and Cabinet, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chair of the State Board of Education an annual operating budget detailing the planned use of state, federal, and private funds for the fiscal year.
 - (8)(a) Applications for Alzheimer's disease research funding may be submitted from any university or established research institute in the state. All qualified investigators in the state, regardless of institutional affiliation, shall have equal access and opportunity to compete for the research funding. Grants shall be awarded by the board of directors of the not-for-profit corporation on the basis of scientific merit, as determined by an open, competitive peer-review process that ensures objectivity, consistency, and high quality. The following types of applications shall be considered for funding:
 - Investigator-initiated research grants.
- 30 <u>2. Institutional research grants.</u>
 - (b) To ensure that all proposals for research funding
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are appropriate and are evaluated fairly on the basis of scientific merit, the board of directors of the not-for-profit 2 corporation, in consultation with the council of scientific 3 4 advisors, shall appoint a peer-review panel of independent, scientifically qualified individuals to review the scientific 5 content of each proposal and establish its scientific priority 7 score. The priority scores shall be forwarded to the council and must be considered in determining which proposals shall be 8 recommended for funding. 9 (c) The council of scientific advisors and the 10 11 peer-review panel shall establish and follow rigorous guidelines for ethical conduct and adhere to a strict policy 12 with regard to conflict of interest. All employees, members of 13 the board of directors, and affiliates of the not-for-profit 14 15 corporation shall follow the same rigorous guidelines for ethical conduct and shall adhere to the same strict policy 16 with regard to conflict of interest. A member of the council 17 18 or panel may not participate in any discussion or decision 19 with respect to a research proposal by any firm, entity, or 20 agency with which the member is associated as a member of the governing body or as an employee or with which the member has 21 22 entered into a contractual arrangement. Meetings of the 23 council and the peer-review panels are subject to chapter 119, 2.4 s. 286.011, and s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution. (12) This section expires January 1, 2011. The 25 Legislature shall review the performance, the outcomes, and 26 the financial management of the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., 27 Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute during the 2010 28 29 Regular Session of the Legislature, and shall determine the most appropriate funding source and means of funding the 30 31 center and institute, based on its review. 16

1	Section 11. All appointments to the board of directors
2	of the not-for-profit corporation for the Johnnie B. Byrd,
3	Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute that were not
4	made in accordance with s. 1004.445, Florida Statutes, as
5	amended by this act, shall expire June 30, 2006, but such
6	appointees may continue to serve until their successors are
7	appointed. This section shall take effect upon this act
8	becoming a law.
9	Section 12. The sum of \$9 million is appropriated from
10	the General Revenue Fund to the Biomedical Research Trust Fund
11	within the Department of Health for purposes of the William G.
12	"Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program
13	for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, and shall be distributed
14	pursuant to s. 381.922, Florida Statutes, to provide grants to
15	researchers seeking cures for cancer, with emphasis given to
16	the goals enumerated in s. 381.921, Florida Statutes. From the
17	total funds appropriated, an amount of up to 10 percent may be
18	used for administrative expenses.
19	Section 13. Except as otherwise expressly provided in
20	this act and except for this section, which shall take effect
21	upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July
22	1, 2006.
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25	======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =========
26	And the title is amended as follows:
27	Delete everything before the enacting clause
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29	and insert:
30	A bill to be entitled
31	An act relating to biomedical research; 17
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1	providing legislative intent; amending s.
2	20.435, F.S.; authorizing the use of funds in
3	the Biomedical Research Trust Fund for the
4	purposes of the William G. "Bill" Bankhead,
5	Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program;
6	amending s. 215.5602, F.S.; revising the
7	membership and the method for appointing
8	members to the Biomedical Research Advisory
9	Council; requiring the council to award grants
10	for cancer research through the William G.
11	"Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer
12	Research Program; providing for the repeal of
13	s. 215.5602, F.S.; requiring the Legislature to
14	review the program prior to the repeal;
15	providing for transition to new appointments;
16	amending s. 381.855, F.S.; revising the
17	membership of the advisory council for the
18	Florida Center for Universal Research to
19	Eradicate Disease; providing for terms of
20	office and the filling of vacancies; providing
21	for officers, meetings, and procedures;
22	providing for transition to new appointments;
23	amending s. 381.921, F.S.; revising a goal of
24	the Florida Cancer Council; creating s.
25	381.922, F.S.; establishing the William G.
26	"Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer
27	Research Program within the Department of
28	Health; providing the purpose of the program;
29	requiring the program to provide grants for
30	cancer research; providing procedures for
31	awarding cancer research grants; providing for 18
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peer-review panels; providing requirements with
respect to ethical conduct and conflicts of
interest; providing for public records and
meetings; requiring an annual report;
authorizing the Legislature to annually
appropriate funds for the William G. "Bill"
Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research
Program; providing for the repeal of s.
381.922, F.S.; requiring the Legislature to
review the program prior to the repeal;
amending s. 561.121, F.S.; redistributing
certain funds collected from taxes on alcoholic
beverages; amending s. 1004.445, F.S.; revising
the method of appointing and filling vacancies
on the board of directors of the Johnnie B.
Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research
Institute; requiring certain information in the
annual report; requiring an annual operating
budget; providing procedures for awarding of
Alzheimer's disease research grants; providing
for peer-review panels; providing requirements
with respect to ethical conduct and conflicts
of interest; providing for public records and
meetings; providing for the repeal of s.
1004.445, F.S.; requiring the Legislature to
review the center and institute prior to the
repeal; providing for transition to new
appointments; providing an appropriation;
providing effective dates.