

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 1824

INTRODUCER: Senator Garcia

SUBJECT: Department of Health

DATE: February 15, 2012      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Looke	Stovall	HR	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
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**I. Summary:**

A proposed committee substitute will be considered for this bill.

This bill creates, repeals and amends a number of sections which affect the Department of Health (DOH or department), some of the significant changes include:

- Significantly revising the legislative purpose of DOH;
- Renaming and revising many of the divisions within DOH;
- Eliminating two DOH trust funds
  - The Florida Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Trust Fund
  - The Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Trust Fund
- Amending s. 381.0065, F.S., relating to HIV and AIDS;
- Repealing regulations for persons selling compressed air for recreational sport diving;
- Amending the implementation of statewide tuberculosis control and implementing a transition plan for the closure of the A.G. Holley State Hospital;
- Amending the definition of “Health Care Practitioner” to include those licensed under part III of Ch. 401, F.S.;
- Transferring the Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program and the Nursing Scholarship Program from DOH to the Florida Department of Education;
- And significantly cleaning up the Florida Statutes related to DOH by repealing outdated language and obsolete programs, deleting language related to legislative intent, deleting language which establishes unused rulemaking authority, and making conforming changes and amending cross-references.

**II. Present Situation:****III. Effect of Proposed Changes:****IV. Constitutional Issues:**

## A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

## B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

## C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

## A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

## B. Private Sector Impact:

## C. Government Sector Impact:

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Additional Information:**

## A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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