

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Regulation

CS/HB 1085 — Women's Health

by Health and Human Services Quality Subcommittee and Rep. Plakon (SB 1282 by Senator Storms)

The bill creates the Kelly Smith Gynecologic and Ovarian Cancer Education and Awareness Act within the Department of Health (DOH). The bill adds one member from the Florida Ovarian Cancer Alliance Speaks organization to the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council, increasing the membership from 34 to 35.

The bill directs the DOH to encourage women to discuss the risks of gynecological cancers with their health care providers. Furthermore, the DOH is directed to encourage health care providers and certain entities to disseminate and display information about gynecological cancers, including signs and symptoms, risk factors, benefits of early detection, and treatment options. The DOH is encouraged to seek any available federal or private grants to promote gynecological cancer awareness and to collaborate with other entities to create a systematic approach to increasing public awareness. The State Surgeon General is required to post on the DOH website a link to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for gynecological cancer information.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 114-0