

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/CS/HB 1545 — Parkinson’s Disease

by Health Care Budget Subcommittee; Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee; and Rep. Busatta (CS/CS/SB 1800 by Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Health Policy Committee; and Senators Calatayud and Rouson)

The bill establishes the Florida Institute for Parkinson’s Disease at the University of South Florida as a statewide resource for Parkinson’s disease research and clinical care. The purpose of the institute is to find a cure for Parkinson’s disease and to improve the quality of life and health outcomes for those affected by Parkinson’s disease by advancing knowledge, diagnosis, and treatment of Parkinson’s disease through research, clinical care, education, and advocacy.

The bill also establishes the Parkinson’s Disease Research Board (Board) and the Consortium for Parkinson’s Disease Research (Consortium) within the University of South Florida. The Board is established to direct the operations of the Consortium, and the Consortium, which will consist of public and private universities and academic medical centers, is created to conduct rigorous scientific research and disseminate such research.

The bill requires the Board to adopt a plan for Parkinson’s disease research annually and to award funds to members of the Consortium to perform research consistent with the plan. The Board must issue a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on research projects, research findings, community outreach initiatives, and future plans for the Consortium by October 15 of each year.

Implementation of the bill’s provisions relating to the Consortium and the Board is subject to legislative appropriation for such purpose contained in the annual General Appropriations Act.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 112-0