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11 Senator Turner moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 1, between lines 29 and 30,

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16 insert:

17 Section 2. Section 381.102, Florida Statutes, is

18 created to read:

19 381.102 Short title.--Sections 381.102-381.107 may be

20 cited as the "Florida Community Environmental Health

21 Protection Act."

22 Section 3. Section 381.103, Florida Statutes, is

23 created to read:

24 381.103 Community environmental health protection;

25 legislative findings.--

26 (1) This state is committed to the economic,

27 environmental, and public health revitalization of its

28 communities.

29 (2) Low-income communities bear a significant burden

30 of environmental contamination that thwarts the revitalization

31 of these communities.

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1       (3) This state has made progress in addressing the  
2 economic development and environmental needs of its  
3 communities.

4       (4) Measures to address the public health needs of  
5 low-income communities that are exposed to contaminated sites  
6 must be implemented in order to ensure the sustainability of  
7 the communities in this state.

8       (5) The Legislature has determined that it would be  
9 beneficial to provide resources in this state to undertake a  
10 series of pilot projects that demonstrate techniques and  
11 approaches to ensure health care for low-income persons who  
12 are living in communities that are adversely affected by  
13 contaminated sites, to mobilize additional resources from the  
14 government, private sector, and private foundations to address  
15 this need, and to develop a mechanism for collecting data.

16       (6) The implementation of these measures will enhance  
17 cooperative efforts among the private sector, government, and  
18 nonprofit organizations in this state to ensure the  
19 sustainability of this state.

20       (7) Efforts to initiate measures that address public  
21 health problems in communities affected by contaminated sites  
22 will enable this state to leverage additional resources  
23 available from the Federal Government and private foundations  
24 for this purpose.

25       Section 4. Section 381.104, Florida Statutes, is  
26 created to read:

27       381.104 Definitions.--As used in ss. 381.102-381.107,  
28 the term:

29       (1) "Low-income community" means a contiguous grouping  
30 of residences with a significant portion of occupants who have  
31 a family income equal to or below 100 percent of the most

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1 recent federal poverty level and who are exposed to multiple  
2 sources of environmental contamination.

3 (2) "Contaminated site" means any contiguous land,  
4 surface water, or groundwater areas that may contain  
5 contaminants that may be harmful to human health or the  
6 environment and includes federal Superfund sites and state or  
7 federally designated Brownfield areas.

8 Section 5. Section 381.105, Florida Statutes, is  
9 created to read:

10 381.105 Community Environmental Health Program;  
11 creation; purposes.--There is created the Community  
12 Environmental Health Program. The primary purpose of the  
13 program is to ensure the availability of public health  
14 services to members of low-income communities that may be  
15 adversely affected by contaminated sites located in or near  
16 the community. These services extend beyond health services  
17 that are currently provided pursuant to chapter 154 and  
18 include measures to address the cumulative and synergistic  
19 health effects that may be associated with exposure to  
20 environmental contamination. An additional purpose is to  
21 ensure the collection of information and data on health  
22 effects potentially caused by acute and chronic exposure to  
23 low and high levels of environmental contaminants so that the  
24 information and data may be used for research, education, and  
25 the improvement of decisionmaking on sustainability goals.

26 Section 6. Section 381.106, Florida Statutes, is  
27 created to read:

28 381.106 Community Environmental Health Program pilot  
29 projects.--

30 (1) Community Environmental Health Program pilot  
31 projects are hereby established within the Department of

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1 Health to promote disease prevention and health protection  
2 among low-income people who live in communities that have  
3 Superfund or legally designated Brownfield areas. The pilot  
4 projects must seek to build upon existing environmental and  
5 economic efforts to address contaminated sites through the  
6 Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Act, the Eastward Ho!  
7 Brownfields Partnership, the federal Superfund Program, and  
8 other state and federal programs that address public health  
9 and the environment. The pilot projects may form partnerships  
10 with existing health care providers, contribute to a health  
11 care needs assessment, and serve as the basis for the  
12 development of health care capacity in underserved areas.

13 (2) A pilot project must be established to serve each  
14 of the following:

15 (a) In Escambia County, the low-income communities  
16 surrounding the Escambia Treating Company and Agrico Company  
17 Superfund sites that are part of the national pilot relocation  
18 project and the former workers at those sites;

19 (b) In Broward County, the low-income communities  
20 surrounding the Wingate Superfund site, which is located in  
21 the federally designated Brownfield Showcase Community;

22 (c) In Palm Beach County, within the City of Riviera  
23 Beach, the low-income communities surrounding the BMI-Extron  
24 Superfund site, which is located in the federally designated  
25 Brownfield Showcase community;

26 (d) In Pinellas County, the low-income communities  
27 designated as a pilot project under the 1997 Florida  
28 Brownfields Redevelopment Act, including the Greenwood  
29 community in Clearwater;

30 (e) In Miami-Dade County, the low income communities  
31 in Liberty City and Brownsville, which are located in the

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1 federally designated Brownfield Showcase Community;

2 (f) In Polk County, the low-income communities  
3 surrounding the Alpha Chemical Corporation Superfund site;

4 (g) In Hillsborough County, the low-income communities  
5 surrounding the Kassouf-Kimberling Battery Disposal Superfund  
6 site, the Landfill Superfund site, and the Sixty-Second Street  
7 Dump Superfund site, which have been designated as a proposed  
8 Brownfield Redevelopment project area; and

9 (h) In Duval County, the low-income communities  
10 surrounding the Pickettville Road Landfill Superfund site.

11 (3) The Department of Health shall establish a  
12 Community Environmental Health Advisory Board for each pilot  
13 project, and the majority of board members shall be low-income  
14 residents who are beneficiaries of the pilot project. The  
15 board must also include representatives from the respective  
16 county health departments, health care professionals and  
17 providers, and elected officials. The board shall identify the  
18 community environmental health needs and types of services  
19 which should be provided by the pilot project, initiate and  
20 support efforts to secure additional resources to meet these  
21 needs, oversee the functions and operations of the pilot  
22 project, evaluate the pilot project, and prepare for the  
23 Legislature a report that discusses the progress of the pilot  
24 project toward achieving its stated goals and recommends  
25 future courses of action.

26 Section 7. Section 381.107, Florida Statutes, is  
27 created to read:

28 381.107 Duties of Department of Health.--The  
29 Department of Health shall, to the extent that resources are  
30 available:

31 (1) Assist each pilot project in obtaining low-cost

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1 health care services designed to treat the effects of exposure  
2 to environmental contaminants and to ensure disease prevention  
3 and health promotion.

4 (2) Facilitate the application to other appropriate  
5 Superfund sites and Brownfield areas in the state the  
6 techniques and approaches developed by the pilot project to  
7 ensure health care for low-income persons who are living in  
8 communities with contaminated sites.

9 (3) Develop a proactive, rapid-identification system  
10 for evaluating the health impact of exposure to environmental  
11 contamination and for detecting health effects.

12 (4) Explore alternative methodologies for evaluating  
13 the human health consequences of exposure to environmental  
14 contamination.

15 (5) Develop and maintain a registry to track health  
16 problems addressed by the project.

17 (6) Develop environmental education and outreach  
18 programs for health care providers and communities which  
19 increase awareness and reporting of health effects resulting  
20 from exposure to environmental contamination within  
21 communities.

22 (7) Work with affected communities, appropriate  
23 agencies, and ongoing initiatives, such as Eastward Ho!  
24 Brownfields Partnership, to implement communication between  
25 government agencies and affected communities.

26 (8) Collect data on potential environmental health  
27 effects of environmental contamination.

28 Section 8. Section 240.707, Florida Statutes, is  
29 created to read:

30 240.707 Center for Environmental Equity and Justice.--

31 (1) The Center for Environmental Equity and Justice is

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1 established at Florida A & M University.

2 (2) The purpose of the center is to conduct and  
3 facilitate research, develop policies, and engage in  
4 education, training, and community outreach with respect to  
5 the fair treatment of all people of all races, cultures, and  
6 incomes with respect to the development, implementation, and  
7 enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

8 (3) The Center for Environmental Equity and Justice  
9 shall sponsor students to serve as interns at the Department  
10 of Health, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the  
11 Department of Community Affairs.

12 Section 9. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from  
13 the General Revenue Fund during the 1998-1999 fiscal year for  
14 the Community Environmental Health Program.

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16 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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19 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

20 And the title is amended as follows:

21 On page 1, line 5, delete after the semicolon

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23 insert:

24 creating ss. 381.102, 381.103, 381.104,  
25 381.105, 381.106, 381.107, F.S., the "Florida  
26 Community Environmental Health Protection Act";  
27 providing a short title; providing for  
28 community environmental health protection;  
29 providing legislative findings; providing  
30 definitions; creating the Community  
31 Environmental Health Program; providing

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1           purposes of the program; designating pilot  
2           projects; providing for Committee Environmental  
3           Health Advisory Boards; requiring a report to  
4           the Legislature; providing duties of the  
5           Department of Health; creating s. 240.707,  
6           F.S.; creating the Center for Environmental  
7           Equity and Justice; providing an appropriation;  
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