

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

Date: April 8, 1998 Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Alzheimer's Disease

	<u>Analyst</u>	<u>Staff Director</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>Crosby</u>	<u>Whiddon</u>	<u>CF</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u>Carter</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
3.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>WM</u>	<u>_____</u>
4.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
5.	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

I. Summary:

Senate Bill 1616 provides for the establishment of a memory disorder clinic at Lee Memorial Hospital in Lee County. This bill will take effect upon becoming a law.

This bill substantially amends section 430.502, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Originally enacted as section 2 of Chapter 85-145, Laws of Florida, s. 430.502, F.S., providing for memory disorder clinics, day care, and respite care programs, established such programs at each of the three medical schools in Florida; a major private nonprofit research-oriented teaching hospital that is authorized to fund a memory disorder clinic at any of the other affiliated teaching hospitals. The purpose of the memory disorder clinics was to conduct research and training in a diagnostic and therapeutic setting for persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related memory disorders. Subsection 430.502(1)(a), F.S., as a result of subsequent amendments to the law, currently provides a total of nine memory disorder clinics.

Subsection 430.502(2), F.S., states that it is the legislative intent that research conducted by a memory disorder clinic be applied research, service-related, and selected in conjunction with the Department of Elderly Affairs. The department interprets these three components to include: research, both basic and applied; service, to include evaluation and diagnosis; and the training of providers, medical students, staff, and family caregivers.

Subsection 430.502(3), F.S., states that the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee must evaluate the need for additional memory disorder clinics with the first report due by December 31,

1995. The department reports that this evaluation never materialized and that there are no written recommendations regarding the need for additional memory disorder clinics.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

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### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

The provisions of this bill have no impact on municipalities and the counties under the requirements of Article VII, section 18 of the State Constitution.

#### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

The provisions of this bill have no impact on public records or open meetings issues under the requirements of Article I, subsections 24(a) and (b) of the State Constitution.

#### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

The provisions of this bill have no impact on the trust fund restrictions under the requirements of Article III, subsection 19(f) of the State Constitution.

### **V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

#### **A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

#### **B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

#### **C. Government Sector Impact:**

Paragraph 430.502(1)(g), F.S., provides that memory disorder clinics, funded as of June 30, 1995, will not receive decreased funding due to the subsequent additions of memory disorder clinics. In the present case, the estimated recurring effects of the establishment of the clinic at Lee Memorial Hospital is \$189,000 per year if the Legislature chooses to fund it.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

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