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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act creating preventive health collaborative
3 grants; establishing criteria for selection of
4 recipients; providing for renewal of grants;
5 providing for an evaluation of grants;
6 providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Preventive health collaborative grants.--In
11 order to encourage the further development of successful
12 programs that enhance the well-being and health status of the
13 people of this state, the preventive health collaborative
14 grant program is created. The Department of Children and
15 Family Services, through the local Health and Human Service
16 Boards, and the Department of Health shall each administer a
17 separate preventive health collaborative grant program. The
18 first objective of these grant programs is to allow for the
19 creation, enhancement, or replication of programs which will
20 demonstrate an ability to improve prevention and intervention
21 services, to strengthen the integrity and functionality of
22 families, and to improve the overall health status of
23 low-income persons. The second objective is to promote
24 interagency coordination, collaboration, and cooperation among
25 programs of the Department of Children and Family Services,
26 the Department of Health, the Department of Juvenile Justice,
27 county health departments, local law enforcement, school
28 authorities, hospitals, community health centers, churches,
29 not-for-profit organizations, and other local health and
30 social service agencies to facilitate better health and social
31 service outcomes for the people of this state.

1 Section 2. Minimum criteria.--(1) The Department of
2 Health and the Department of Children and Family Services
3 shall consider grant applications that at a minimum provide
4 for the following:

5 (a) Demonstrable participation at a community level
6 with not-for-profit service agencies, health care providers,
7 local governments, education programs and providers, and local
8 programs of the Department of Children and Family Services,
9 the Department of Health, and the Department of Juvenile
10 Justice. This participation must be demonstrated through
11 written interagency agreements. Such agreements must specify
12 how community entities will cooperate, collaborate, and share
13 information in furtherance of and finance:

- 14 1. Improved health care services, including reduction
15 of chronic disease and treatment services for substance abuse
16 and mental health services;
17 2. Improved therapeutic services to children;
18 3. Improved prenatal and infant care;
19 4. Reduction of communicable diseases;
20 5. Improved school readiness; or
21 6. Improved health and social service facilities
22 infrastructure.

23 (b) The departments may consider, in addition to other
24 criteria, the following criteria in awarding grants:

- 25 1. The degree to which the proposal will achieve or
26 help agencies achieve outcomes as specified in Agency
27 Strategic Plans or Performance-Based Program Budgeting,
28 especially those that strengthen the integrity, functionality,
29 and health of families;

1 2. The number of community partners who will be
2 actively involved in the funding and operation of the grant
3 program;

4 3. The number of youths from 0 through 18 years of age
5 within the geographic area to be served by the program. Those
6 geographic areas having the highest percentage of youths from
7 this age range who are at risk of abuse or neglect or who have
8 severe social or physiological disabilities or mental
9 disorders have priority for selection;

10 4. The extent to which the program targets minorities
11 and neighborhoods that can demonstrate higher incident rates
12 of poverty and adverse social and health outcomes than the
13 statewide average;

14 5. The number of community partners who will be
15 actively involved in the funding and operation of the grant
16 program;

17 6. The validity and cost-effectiveness of the program;

18 7. The degree to which the program is located in and
19 managed by local leaders of the target neighborhoods;

20 8. The criteria by which the grant program will be
21 evaluated; and, if determined successful, the feasibility of
22 its implementation in other communities; and

23 9. The local match contribution.

24 (2) The departments shall further develop the specific
25 grant criteria and appropriate applications and make
26 available, to anyone wishing to apply for such a grant,
27 information on all of the criteria to be used in the selection
28 of the proposals for funding under this subsection. The
29 departments shall review and evaluate all program proposals
30 submitted.

31 Section 3. Grant application procedures.--

1 (1) Each entity seeking to apply for an initial
2 preventive health collaborative grant must submit a grant
3 proposal for funding to the Department of Health and the
4 Department of Children and Family Services by September 1,
5 1998. In subsequent years, each entity seeking to apply for a
6 preventive health grant must submit a grant proposal, in the
7 prescribed format, for funding or continued funding by May 1
8 of each year.

9 (2) In order to be considered for funding, the grant
10 proposal must include the following assurances and
11 information:

12 (a) A rationale and description of the program and the
13 services to be provided, including goals and objectives;

14 (b) A method for identification of the persons who
15 will be involved or served by the program;

16 (c) Provisions for the meaningful participation of
17 parents or guardians in the program;

18 (d) A plan for coordination with other community-based
19 and social service efforts that serve the targeted population
20 or neighborhood;

21 (e) An evaluation component to measure the
22 effectiveness of the program and the degree to which program
23 objectives are attained;

24 (f) A detailed program budget, including the amount
25 and sources of local cash and in-kind resources committed to
26 the budget. The proposal must establish to the satisfaction of
27 the departments that the applicant will make a cash or in-kind
28 contribution to the program of a value that is at least equal
29 to 25 percent of the amount of the state grant for the first
30 year. Subsequent years' applications for renewal must
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1 demonstrate an increasing level of community support and
2 financial commitment for program continuance; and

3 (g) The necessary program staff and qualifications and
4 a listing of current licenses or certifications held by the
5 applicant agencies or providers.

6 Section 4. Awarding of grants; notification.--For the
7 1998-1999 fiscal year, entities submitting proposals must be
8 notified of approval by November 1, 1998, for an award for the
9 1998-1999 fiscal year. In subsequent years, entities
10 submitting proposals must be notified of approval by June 15
11 of each year for an award for the next state fiscal year,
12 beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Proposals for
13 continuation funding will be accepted for 2 years following
14 notification of initial funding. State funding will not
15 continue after a maximum of 3 consecutive years, unless good
16 cause to continue funding is documented and the performance
17 rating exceeds program goals. A determination of good cause
18 for partial continuation funding may be granted if the program
19 demonstrates that a good-faith and realistic contingency plan
20 has been made to continue the project subsequent to a
21 decreased grant award or total grant award elimination.
22 Applications that do not provide evidence of such a
23 contingency plan may not be considered.

24 Section 5. Start-up funds.--For programs receiving new
25 grant awards, a portion of their funding for the first year
26 may be spent on nonrecurring start-up costs. This is allowable
27 if there is no annualization funding impact in subsequent
28 years.

29 Section 6. Fixed capital outlay projects.--Grants are
30 allowable for facility construction or renovation if local
31 match requirements are met and the state is granted a security

1 interest, at least equal to the amount of state funds
2 provided, for at least 10 years from the date of purchase or
3 the completion of the improvements.

4 Section 7. Evaluations.--Each entity that is awarded a
5 grant shall submit to the departments, by March 1 of each
6 year, an evaluation report that documents the extent to which
7 the program objectives have been met and the extent to which
8 community partnerships are being used to achieve program goals
9 and objectives. Each entity is also subject to an independent
10 financial audit and a performance audit by the Office of
11 Program Policy Analysis and Governmental Accountability.

12 Section 8. Rulemaking.--The Department of Health and
13 the Department of Children and Family Services may adopt rules
14 to carry out the provisions of this act.

15 Section 9. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
16 law.

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19 SENATE SUMMARY

20 Creates a preventive health collaborative grant program
21 in the Department of Health and the Department of
22 Children and Family Services to encourage the development
23 of programs to enhance the well-being and health of the
24 people of this state. Provides criteria for considering
25 grant applications. Provides for the renewal and
26 evaluation of grant programs.
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