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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to osteoporosis; amending s.
3 233.061, F.S.; including osteoporosis education
4 in the instruction required for high school
5 graduation; amending s. 381.87, F.S.; expanding
6 the groups targeted to receive educational
7 materials under the osteoporosis prevention and
8 education program to include women of all ages;
9 amending ss. 627.6409, 627.6691, F.S.;
10 expanding the required insurance coverage for
11 osteoporosis-related matters; providing an
12 effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Paragraph (m) of subsection (2) of section
17 233.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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233.061 Required instruction.--

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(2) Members of the instructional staff of the public
20 schools, subject to the rules and regulations of the
21 commissioner, the state board, and the school board, shall
22 teach efficiently and faithfully, using the books and
23 materials required, following the prescribed courses of study,
24 and employing approved methods of instruction, the following:

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(m) Comprehensive health education that addresses
26 concepts of community health; consumer health; environmental
27 health; family life, including an awareness of the benefits of
28 sexual abstinence as the expected standard and the
29 consequences of teenage pregnancy; mental and emotional
30 health; injury prevention and safety; nutrition; personal
31 health, including, but not limited to, osteoporosis education;

1 prevention and control of disease; and substance use and
2 abuse.

3 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
4 381.87, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

5 381.87 Osteoporosis prevention and education
6 program.--

7 (2) The program must include:

8 (b) Distribution of educational materials to be made
9 available for consumers, particularly targeted to women of all
10 ages, including those of high-school age ~~high-risk groups~~,
11 through local health departments, local physicians, and other
12 providers, including, but not limited to, health maintenance
13 organizations, hospitals, and clinics, and through women's
14 organizations and the Department of Elderly Affairs.

15 Section 3. Section 627.6409, Florida Statutes, is
16 amended to read:

17 627.6409 Coverage for osteoporosis screening,
18 diagnosis, treatment, and management.--

19 (1)(a) Any health insurance policy that covers a
20 resident of this state and that is issued, amended, delivered,
21 or renewed in this state after October 1, 1996, must provide
22 coverage for the medically necessary diagnosis and treatment
23 of osteoporosis for high-risk individuals, including, but not
24 limited to, estrogen-deficient individuals who are at clinical
25 risk for osteoporosis, individuals who have vertebral
26 abnormalities, individuals who are receiving long-term
27 glucocorticoid (steroid) therapy, individuals who have primary
28 hyperparathyroidism, and individuals who have a family history
29 of osteoporosis.

30 (b) Any health insurance policy that covers an
31 employee of this state and that is issued, amended, delivered,

1 or renewed in this state after October 1, 1998, must provide
2 the coverage described in paragraph (a).

3 (2) In addition to the coverage required under
4 subsection (1), any health insurance policy that covers a
5 resident of this state, including, but not limited to, an
6 employee of this state, and that is issued, amended,
7 delivered, or renewed in this state after October 1, 1998,
8 must provide coverage for bone-mass density tests for any
9 individual for whom such a test or tests are recommended by a
10 physician.

11 (3) This section does not apply to specified-accident,
12 specified-disease, hospital-indemnity, Medicare supplement, or
13 long-term-care health insurance policies ~~or to the state~~
14 ~~employee health insurance program.~~

15 Section 4. Section 627.6691, Florida Statutes, is
16 amended to read:

17 627.6691 Coverage for osteoporosis screening,
18 diagnosis, treatment, and management.--

19 (1)(a) Any group, blanket, or franchise health
20 insurance policy that covers a resident of this state and that
21 is issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this state after
22 October 1, 1996, must provide coverage for the medically
23 necessary diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis for
24 high-risk individuals, including, but not limited to,
25 estrogen-deficient individuals who are at clinical risk for
26 osteoporosis, individuals who have vertebral abnormalities,
27 individuals who are receiving long-term glucocorticoid
28 (steroid) therapy, individuals who have primary
29 hyperparathyroidism, and individuals who have a family history
30 of osteoporosis.

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1 (b) Any group, blanket, or franchise health insurance
2 policy that covers an employee of this state and that is
3 issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this state after
4 October 1, 1998, must provide the coverage described in
5 paragraph (a).

6 (2) In addition to the coverage required under
7 subsection (1), any group, blanket, or franchise health
8 insurance policy that covers a resident of this state,
9 including, but not limited to, an employee of this state, and
10 that is issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this state
11 after October 1, 1998, must provide coverage for bone-mass
12 density tests for any individual for whom such a test or tests
13 are recommended by a physician.

14 (3) This section does not apply to specified-accident,
15 specified-disease, hospital-indemnity, Medicare supplement, or
16 long-term-care health insurance policies ~~or to the state~~
17 ~~employee health insurance program.~~

18 Section 5. This act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

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21 SENATE SUMMARY

22 Includes osteoporosis education in the instruction
23 required for high school graduation. Expands the groups
24 targeted to receive educational materials under the
25 osteoporosis prevention and education program to include
26 women of all ages. Expands required insurance coverage
27 for osteoporosis-related matters to include coverage of
28 state employees and coverage for bone-mass density tests
29 as specified.
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