

By Representative Bradley

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to community environmental
3 health; creating s. 381.100, F.S.; creating the
4 "Florida Community Environmental Health
5 Protection Act"; creating s. 381.102, F.S.;
6 providing for Community Environmental Health
7 Program pilot projects; establishing pilot
8 projects in designated counties; providing for
9 additional pilot projects; creating s. 381.103,
10 F.S.; providing duties of the Department of
11 Health; requiring a report; providing
12 appropriations; providing an 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. Section 381.100, Florida Statutes, is
17 created to read:

18 381.100 Short title.--Sections 381.100-381.103 may be
19 cited as the "Florida Community Environmental Health
20 Protection Act."

21 Section 2. Section 381.102, Florida Statutes, is
22 created to read:

23 381.102 Community Environmental Health Program pilot
24 projects.--

25 (1) The Legislature has determined that:

26 (a) The state is committed to the economic,
27 environmental, and public health revitalization of its
28 communities;

29 (b) Measures to address the public health needs of
30 low-income communities that are exposed to contaminated sites
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1 must be implemented in order to ensure the sustainability of
2 these communities;

3 (c) The implementation of these measures will enhance
4 cooperative efforts among the private sector, government, and
5 nonprofit organizations in this state to ensure the
6 sustainability of Florida; and

7 (d) It would be beneficial to provide resources in
8 this state to undertake a series of pilot projects that
9 demonstrate techniques and approaches to ensure health care
10 for disease prevention and health promotion for low-income
11 persons who are living in communities with environmental
12 contamination.

13 (2) Community Environmental Health Program pilot
14 projects are established to promote disease prevention and
15 health among low-income persons living near environmentally
16 contaminated sites.

17 (3) The pilot projects shall build upon existing
18 environmental and economic efforts to address contaminated
19 sites through the Brownfields Redevelopment Act, the Eastward
20 Brownfields Showcase Partnership, the federal Superfund
21 program, and other state and federal programs that address
22 public health and the environment.

23 (4) The pilot projects may form partnerships with
24 existing health care providers and units, contribute to a
25 health care needs assessment, provide research capacity to
26 improve health status, and serve as the basis for health care
27 capacity in underserved areas with contamination.

28 (5) The following pilot projects are created:

29 (a) In Pinellas County through the Greenwood Community
30 Health Center in Clearwater, for the low-income communities
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1 designated as a pilot project under the Brownfields
2 Redevelopment Act.

3 (b) In Escambia County, for the low-income communities
4 designated as a brownfields project within the Palafox
5 Redevelopment Area.

6 (c) In Hillsborough, Pinellas, Sarasota, and Manatee
7 Counties for the Urban League of Pinellas County, to operate
8 its mobile health screening unit to provide public health care
9 to persons living in low-income communities with contaminated
10 sites within those counties.

11 (d) In Palm Beach County, for the low-income
12 communities with contaminated sites within in the City of
13 Riviera Beach.

14 (e) Three additional pilot projects shall be created
15 in 2000 by the Community Environmental Health Program to serve
16 low-income communities with designated brownfield sites or
17 federal Superfund sites.

18 Section 3. Section 381.103, Florida Statutes, is
19 created to read:

20 381.103 Community Environmental Health Program; duties
21 of department.--The department shall:

22 (1) Assist the pilot projects in development and
23 implementation of their community programs.

24 (2) Facilitate the integration of the pilot projects
25 with ongoing departmental programs, so that duplication of
26 services is avoided and synergy between the programs enhanced.

27 (3) With input from the pilot projects, develop
28 educational and outreach programs for health care providers
29 and communities that increase awareness of health care needs
30 for low-income persons living in communities with
31 environmental contamination.

1 (4) Develop the capacity of the pilot projects to
2 participate in research endeavors that promote disease
3 prevention and health in low-income communities with
4 environmental contamination.

5 (5) Assist the pilot projects in obtaining low-cost
6 health care services designed to prevent disease and promote
7 health in communities with environmental contamination.

8 (6) Prepare a report to be submitted to the President
9 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
10 and the Governor on the findings, accomplishments, and
11 recommendations of the Community Environmental Health Program
12 and the pilot projects.

13 (7) Facilitate cooperation between affected
14 communities, appropriate agencies, and ongoing initiatives,
15 such as Front Porch Florida, in order to ensure the health and
16 economic and environmental vitality of communities in this
17 state.

18 Section 4. (1) There is hereby appropriated from the
19 General Revenue Fund the sum of \$1.825 million per year for
20 fiscal years 1999-2003 for the Community Environmental Health
21 Program pilot projects. Of this amount, for fiscal year
22 1999-2000, \$500,000 each is allocated for the Pinellas County,
23 Escambia County, and Palm Beach County pilot projects;
24 \$125,000 is allocated for the Urban League of Pinellas County;
25 and \$200,000 is allocated to the Community Environmental
26 Health Program of the Department of Health, to assist in the
27 implementation of the pilot projects. For each of fiscal years
28 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, the three additional
29 pilot projects shall be allocated \$300,000 each; the pilot
30 projects in Pinellas, Escambia, and Palm Beach Counties shall
31 be allocated \$200,000 each; the Urban League of Pinellas

1 County shall be allocated \$125,000; and the Department of
2 Health shall be allocated \$200,000.

3 (2) The funds allocated under subsection (1) must be
4 used for:

5 (a) Identification of health needs for low-income
6 persons living in communities with contamination;

7 (b) Delivery of health services, including screening,
8 diagnosis of disease, treatment or routing for treatment of
9 disease; preventive annual physical examinations; monitoring
10 for effects of toxic exposure; and consultation on measures to
11 prevent diseases;

12 (c) Resources for accessing the delivery of health
13 services through Medicare, Medicaid, and third-party coverage,
14 among other sources, and for ensuring quality assurance and
15 quality control for the implementation of the Community
16 Environmental Health Program pilot projects;

17 (d) Research on improving disease prevention and
18 promoting health for low-income persons living in communities
19 with contamination; and

20 (e) Preparation of a report by the Community
21 Environmental Health Program on the results and
22 recommendations of the pilot projects.

23 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the Florida Environmental Health Protection Act. Establishes Community Environmental Health Program pilot projects to promote disease prevention and health among low-income persons living near environmentally contaminated sites. Designates pilot projects in specified counties, and provides for three additional pilot projects beginning in 2000. Provides duties of the Department of Health to assist the pilot projects and requires a report to the Governor and Legislature. Provides appropriations to implement the pilot projects and program for fiscal years 1999-2003. Specifies use of appropriations.