A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the State Health Officer; amending s. 381.0038, F.S.; providing for the 3 4 State Health Officer to establish needle and 5 syringe exchange projects for drug users; providing project criteria; requiring a report; 6 7 providing an effective date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 12 381.0038, Florida Statutes, to read: 13 381.0038 Education. -- The Department of Health shall 14 establish a program to educate the public about the threat of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. 15 16 (4) The State Health Officer may establish harm-reduction sterile needle and syringe exchange projects 17 designed to combat HIV/AIDS transmission among injecting drug 18 19 users, their partners, and their children. 20 (a) Each project must meet the following criteria: The project area must have a program for preventing 21 22 HIV transmission operating in the community and the State 23 Health Officer must determine that an exchange project is 24 likely to be an effective component of that program. 25 2. The project must provide referral to 26 substance-abuse treatment and to other appropriate health and 27 social services. 28 3. The project must provide education to participants concerning the transmission of HIV, hepatitis B and C and 29 prevention measures. 30

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1	4. The project must comply with established standards
2	for the disposal of hazardous medical waste.
3	(b) A report evaluating the effectiveness of the
4	projects shall be submitted to the Legislature by March 1,
5	<u>2000.</u>
6	(c) Exchange or possession of needles and syringes in
7	compliance with the procedures of the project does not
8	constitute a violation of s. 893.147.
9	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.
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12	SENATE SUMMARY
13	Provides for the State Health Officer to establish needle
14	and syringe exchange programs for drug users. Establishes guidelines for such projects and requires a report to the Legislature.
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