

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the State Health Officer;
3 amending s. 381.0038, F.S.; providing for the
4 State Health Officer to establish needle and
5 syringe exchange projects for drug users;
6 providing project criteria; requiring a report;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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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
15 acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

16 (4) The State Health Officer may establish
17 harm-reduction sterile needle and syringe exchange projects
18 designed to combat HIV/AIDS transmission among injecting drug
19 users, their partners, and their children.

20 (a) Each project must meet the following criteria:

21 1. The project area must have a program for preventing
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
29 concerning the transmission of HIV, hepatitis B and C and
30 prevention measures.

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