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See HB

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

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

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.