

By the Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care; and
Senators Hargrett and Dawson-White

317-2199-99

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

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

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15 Section 1. Section 381.100, Florida Statutes, is
16 created to read:

17 381.100 Short title.--Sections 381.100-381.103 may be
18 cited as the "Florida Community Health Protection Act."

19 Section 2. Section 381.102, Florida Statutes, is
20 created to read:

21 381.102 Community Health pilot projects.--

22 (1) The Legislature has determined that:

23 (a) The state is committed to the economic,
24 environmental, and public health revitalization of its
25 communities;

26 (b) Measures to address the public health needs of
27 low-income communities in urban and rural areas must be
28 implemented in order to ensure the sustainability of these
29 communities;

30 (c) The implementation of these measures will enhance
31 cooperative efforts among the private sector, government, and

1 nonprofit organizations in this state to ensure the
2 sustainability of Florida; and

3 (d) It would be beneficial to provide resources in
4 this state to undertake a series of pilot projects that
5 demonstrate techniques and approaches to ensure health care
6 for disease prevention and health promotion for low-income
7 persons who are living in urban and rural communities.

8 (2) Community Health pilot projects are hereby
9 established to promote disease prevention and health promotion
10 among low-income persons living in urban and rural
11 communities.

12 (3) The pilot projects may form partnerships with
13 existing health care providers and units, contribute to a
14 health care needs assessment, provide research capacity to
15 improve health status, and serve as the basis for health care
16 capacity in urban and rural communities.

17 (4) The following pilot projects are created:

18 (a) In Pinellas County, for the Greenwood Community
19 Health Center in Clearwater.

20 (b) In Escambia County, for the low-income communities
21 within the Palafox Redevelopment Area.

22 (c) In Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, and Manatee
23 counties for the Urban League of Pinellas County, to operate
24 its mobile health screening unit to provide public health care
25 to persons living in low-income urban and rural communities.

26 (d) In Palm Beach County, for the low-income
27 communities within the City of Riviera Beach.

28 (e) In the City of St. Petersburg, for the low-income
29 communities within the Challenge 2001 Area.

30 Section 3. Section 381.103, Florida Statutes, is
31 created to read:

1 381.103 Community Health Pilot Projects; duties of
2 department.--The department shall:

3 (1) Assist the pilot projects in development and
4 implementation of their community programs by acting as the
5 granting agency and contracting with the pilot projects.

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

9 (3) Develop educational and outreach programs for
10 health care providers and communities that increase awareness
11 of health care needs for low-income persons living in urban
12 and rural communities.

13 (4) Assist the pilot projects in obtaining low-cost
14 health care services designed to prevent disease and promote
15 health in low-income communities.

16 (5) Prepare a report to be submitted to the President
17 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
18 and the Governor on the findings, accomplishments, and
19 recommendations of the Community Health pilot projects by or
20 on January 1, 2001.

21 (6) Facilitate cooperation between affected
22 communities, appropriate agencies, and ongoing initiatives,
23 such as Front Porch Florida.

24 Section 4. (1) There is hereby appropriated to the
25 Department of Health from the General Revenue Fund to the
26 Health Services Administrative Trust Fund in the Department of
27 Health the sum of \$1.825 million for fiscal year 1999-2000 for
28 the Community Health pilot projects. Of this amount: \$380,000
29 each to the Greenwood Community Health Center in Clearwater,
30 Pinellas County, Palafox Redevelopment Area in Escambia
31 County, the Challenge 2001 Area in the City of St. Petersburg,

1 and the City of Riviera Beach in Palm Beach County; \$100,000
2 to the Urban League of Pinellas County; and \$205,000 to the
3 Department of Health, to assist in the implementation of the
4 pilot projects.

5 (2) The funds allocated under subsection (1) must be
6 used for:

7 (a) Funding for the pilot projects which shall be used
8 for delivery of health services, including screening,
9 diagnosis of disease, treatment or routing for treatment of
10 disease; preventive annual physical examinations; and
11 consultation on measures to prevent diseases; construction
12 costs associated with the delivery of health services; or
13 operation costs associated with the delivery of health
14 services;

15 (b) Funding for the Department of Health which shall
16 be used for:

17 1. Identification of health needs for low-income
18 persons living in urban and rural communities.

19 2. Resources for accessing the delivery of health
20 services through Medicare, Medicaid, and third-party coverage,
21 among other sources, and for ensuring quality assurance and
22 quality control for the implementation of the Community Health
23 pilot projects.

24 3. Preparing a report to be submitted to the President
25 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
26 and the Governor on the findings, accomplishments, and
27 recommendations of the Community Health pilot projects as
28 provided in section 381.103(5), Florida Statutes.

29 4. To administer the responsibilities in accordance
30 with s. 381.103.

31 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 2352

Replaces references to "environmentally contaminated sites" with references to "urban and rural areas;" deletes references to "brownfields" and the federal Superfund program; creates a pilot project in the City of St. Petersburg; specifies that the Department of Health is to submit the report it is required to prepare by January 1, 2001; revises the appropriation time frame to 1 year instead of 4 years; increases the appropriated allocation to the Department of Health from \$200,000 to \$205,000; and revises the specified uses for which the pilot project funding may be used.