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DATE: April 4, 2000

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AS REVISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
ANALYSIS - LOCAL LEGISLATION**

BILL #: HB 1853

RELATING TO: Palm Beach County Health Care Act

SPONSOR(S): Representative Jacobs

TIED BILL(S): None

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) HEALTH CARE LICENSING & REGULATION (HFC) YEAS 12 NAYS 0
 - (2) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (PRC)
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill changes the name of the Palm Beach County Health Care District to the Health Care District of Palm Beach County and updates terminology referencing the Palm Beach County Public Health Department.

The bill authorizes the health care district to plan, coordinate, supervise, manage, and take such action as appropriate to implement school health programs as established by the health care district.

The bill also establishes the Glades Rural Area Support Board and provides it with duties, powers, organization, and public access requirements. Furthermore, this bill provides permissive authority and flexibility to the health district with regard to the ownership, operation, and management of an acute-care hospital in the Glades area.

No fiscal impacts are anticipated for either fiscal year 2000-01 or 2001-02 according to the Economic Impact Statement.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Palm Beach County Health Care District was created in 1987 by chapter 87-450, Laws of Florida, through the consolidation of several existing hospital districts and boards. The purpose of creating the health district was to provide a source of funding for indigent and medically needy residents of Palm Beach County and to maximize the health and well being of Palm Beach County residents by providing comprehensive planning, funding, and coordination of health care service delivery. The program elements include, but are not limited to, preventive health services, community nursing services, ambulatory care, outpatient services, hospital services, trauma health services, and rehabilitative services, as feasible.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill changes the name of the Palm Beach County Health Care District to the Health Care District of Palm Beach County and updates terminology referencing the Palm Beach County Public Health Department which was formerly known as a public health unit.

The bill authorizes the health care district to plan, coordinate, supervise, manage, and take such other action as appropriate to implement school health programs as established by the health care district.

The bill also establishes the Glades Rural Area Support Board and provides it with duties, powers, organization, and public access requirements. Furthermore, this bill provides permissive authority and flexibility to the health district with regard to the ownership, operation, and management of an acute-care hospital in the Glades area.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

Section 1: Amends section 2 of chapter 87-450, Laws of Florida, to rename the health care district.

Section 2: Amends section 3 of chapter 87-450, Laws of Florida, to rename the health care district and to authorize the district to plan, coordinate, supervise, manage, and take other action to implement the school health programs established by the district.

Section 3: Amends section 4 of chapter 87-450, Laws of Florida, to rename the health care district and update the reference to the county public health department.

Section 4: Adds section 9A. to chapter 87-450, Laws of Florida, to establish the Glades Rural Area Support Board and provide it with duties, powers, organization, and public access requirements.

Section 5: Amends section 10 of chapter 87-450, Laws of Florida, to provide permissive authority and flexibility to the health district with regard to the ownership, operation, and management of an acute-care hospital in the Glades area.

Section 6: Amends section 11 of chapter 87-450, Laws of Florida, to rename the health care district.

Section 7: Amends section 18 of chapter 87-450, Laws of Florida, and renumbers it as section 16 of chapter 87-450, Laws of Florida, to rename the health care district.

Section 8: Provides an effective date of upon becoming law.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN? February 7, 2000

WHERE? The Palm Beach Post

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached No

IV. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

This bill provides that the district board may grant rulemaking authority to the Glades Support Board as the district board deems necessary or convenient to carry out the powers specified in the bill.

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C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None

VI. SIGNATURES:

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