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Representative(s) Albright offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 2, line 19, through page 4, line 18,  
remove from the bill: all of said lines

and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. PUBLIC CORD BLOOD TISSUE BANK.--

(1) There is established a statewide consortium to be known as the Public Cord Blood Tissue Bank. The Public Cord Blood Tissue Bank is established as a nonprofit legal entity to collect, screen for infectious and genetic diseases, perform tissue typing, cryopreserve, and store umbilical cord blood as a resource to the public. The University of Florida, the University of South Florida, the University of Miami, and the Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville shall jointly form the collaborative consortium, each working with community resources such as regional blood banks, hospitals, and other health care providers to develop local and regional coalitions for the purposes set forth in this act. The consortium participants shall align their outreach programs and

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1 activities to all geographic areas of the state, covering the  
2 entire state. The consortium is encouraged to conduct  
3 outreach and research for Hispanics, African Americans, Native  
4 Americans, and other ethnic and racial minorities.

5 (2) The Agency for Health Care Administration and the  
6 Department of Health shall encourage health care providers,  
7 including, but not limited to, hospitals, birthing facilities,  
8 county health departments, physicians, midwives, and nurses,  
9 to disseminate information about the Public Cord Blood Tissue  
10 Bank.

11 (3) Nothing in this section creates a requirement of  
12 any health care or services program that is directly  
13 affiliated with a bona fide religious denomination that  
14 includes as an integral part of its beliefs and practices the  
15 tenet that blood transfer is contrary to the moral principles  
16 the denomination considers to be an essential part of its  
17 beliefs.

18 (4) Any health care facility or health care provider  
19 receiving financial remuneration for the collection of  
20 umbilical cord blood shall provide written disclosure of this  
21 information to any woman postpartum or parent of a newborn  
22 from whom the umbilical cord blood is collected prior to the  
23 harvesting of the umbilical cord blood.

24 (5) A woman admitted to a hospital or birthing  
25 facility for obstetrical services may be offered the  
26 opportunity to donate umbilical cord blood to the Public Cord  
27 Blood Tissue Bank. A woman may not be required to make such a  
28 donation.

29 (6) The consortium may charge reasonable rates and  
30 fees to recipients of cord blood tissue bank products.

31 (7) In order to fund the provisions of this section

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1 the consortium participants, the Agency for Health Care  
 2 Administration, and the Department of Health shall seek  
 3 private or federal funds to initiate program actions for  
 4 fiscal year 2000-2001.

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8 And the title is amended as follows:

9           On page 1, lines 3 through 13,  
 10 remove from the title of the bill: all of said lines

12 and insert in lieu thereof:

13           Public Cord Blood Tissue Bank as a statewide  
 14 consortium; providing purposes, membership, and  
 15 duties of the consortium; providing duties of  
 16 the Agency for Health Care Administration and  
 17 the Department of Health; providing an  
 18 exception from provisions of the act; requiring  
 19 specified written disclosure by certain health  
 20 care facilities and providers; specifying that  
 21 donation under the act is voluntary;  
 22 authorizing the consortium to charge fees;

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