

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs; and Senator Carlton

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to emergency management  
3           planning; amending s. 252.355, F.S.; revising  
4           provisions relating to registration of persons  
5           requiring special needs assistance in  
6           emergencies; creating s. 381.0303, F.S.;  
7           providing for recruitment of health care  
8           practitioners for special needs shelters;  
9           providing for reimbursement and funding;  
10          providing duties of the Department of Health,  
11          the county health departments, and the local  
12          emergency management agencies; authorizing use  
13          of a health care practitioner registry;  
14          authorizing establishment of a special needs  
15          shelter interagency committee; providing  
16          membership and responsibilities; providing for  
17          rules; creating s. 400.492, F.S.; requiring  
18          home health agencies to prepare a comprehensive  
19          emergency management plan; specifying plan  
20          requirements; amending ss. 400.497 and 400.610,  
21          F.S.; providing minimum requirements for home  
22          health agency and hospice comprehensive  
23          emergency management plans; providing for  
24          rules; providing for plan review and approval;  
25          providing for plan review and approval for home  
26          health agencies and hospices operating in more  
27          than one county; providing an exception to  
28          comprehensive emergency management plan  
29          requirements; amending s. 400.506, F.S.;  
30          requiring nurse registries to assist at-risk  
31          clients with special needs registration and to

1           prepare a comprehensive emergency management  
2           plan; specifying plan requirements; providing  
3           for plan review; amending s. 400.605, F.S.;  
4           requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs to  
5           include components for comprehensive emergency  
6           management plan in its rules establishing  
7           minimum standards for a hospice; amending s.  
8           400.6095, F.S.; requiring that certain  
9           emergency care and service information be  
10          included in hospice patients' medical records;  
11          creating s. 401.273, F.S.; providing for  
12          establishment of a registry of emergency  
13          medical technicians and paramedics for  
14          disasters and emergencies; clarifying the  
15          functions of emergency medical technicians and  
16          paramedics; amending s. 408.15, F.S.;  
17          authorizing the Agency for Health Care  
18          Administration to establish uniform standards  
19          of care for special needs shelters; creating s.  
20          455.718, F.S.; providing for establishment of a  
21          health practitioner registry for disasters and  
22          emergencies; requiring emergency and disaster  
23          planning provisions in certain state agency  
24          provider contracts; specifying minimum contract  
25          requirements; providing appropriations;  
26          providing an effective date.

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

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30                Section 1. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section  
31       252.355, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1           252.355 Registry of ~~disabled~~ persons with special  
2 needs; notice.--

3           (1) In order to meet the special needs of persons who  
4 would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering  
5 because of physical, mental, or sensory disabilities ~~or mental~~  
6 ~~handicaps~~, each local emergency management agency in the state  
7 shall maintain a registry of ~~disabled~~ persons with special  
8 needs located within the jurisdiction of the local agency.

9 The registration shall identify those persons in need of  
10 assistance and plan for resource allocation to meet those  
11 identified needs. To assist the local emergency management  
12 agency in identifying such persons, the Department of Children  
13 and Family Services, Department of Health, Agency for Health  
14 Care Administration, Department of Labor and Employment  
15 Security, and Department of Elderly Affairs shall provide  
16 registration information to all of their special needs clients  
17 and to all incoming clients as a part of the intake process.  
18 The registry shall be updated annually. The registration  
19 program shall give ~~disabled~~ persons with special needs the  
20 option of preauthorizing emergency response personnel to enter  
21 their homes during search and rescue operations if necessary  
22 to assure their safety and welfare following disasters.

23           (3) All records, data, information, correspondence,  
24 and communications relating to the registration of ~~disabled~~  
25 persons with special needs as provided in subsection (1) are  
26 confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1),  
27 except that such information shall be available to other  
28 emergency response agencies, as determined by the local  
29 emergency management director.

30           (4) All appropriate agencies and community-based  
31 service providers, including home health care providers, shall

1 assist emergency management agencies by collecting  
2 registration information for persons ~~people~~ with special needs  
3 as part of program intake processes, establishing programs to  
4 increase the awareness of the registration process, and  
5 educating clients about the procedures that may be necessary  
6 for their safety during disasters. Clients of state or  
7 federally funded service programs with physical, mental, or  
8 sensory disabilities ~~or mental handicaps~~ who need assistance  
9 in evacuating, or when in shelters, must register as persons  
10 ~~people~~ with special needs.

11 Section 2. Section 381.0303, Florida Statutes, is  
12 created to read:

13 381.0303 Health practitioner recruitment for special  
14 needs shelters.--

15 (1) PURPOSE.--The purpose of this section is to  
16 designate the Department of Health, through its county health  
17 departments, as the lead agency for coordination of the  
18 recruitment of health care practitioners, as defined in s.  
19 455.501(4), to staff special needs shelters in times of  
20 emergency or disaster and to provide resources to the  
21 department to carry out this responsibility. However, nothing  
22 in this section prohibits a county health department from  
23 entering into an agreement with a local emergency management  
24 agency to assume the lead responsibility for recruiting health  
25 care practitioners.

26 (2) SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER PLAN AND STAFFING.--Provided  
27 funds have been appropriated to support medical services  
28 disaster coordinator positions in county health departments,  
29 the department shall assume lead responsibility for the local  
30 coordination of local medical and health care providers, the  
31 American Red Cross, and other interested parties in developing

1 a plan for the staffing and medical management of special  
2 needs shelters. The plan shall be in conformance with the  
3 local comprehensive emergency management plan.

4 (a) County health departments shall, in conjunction  
5 with the local emergency management agencies, have the lead  
6 responsibility for coordination of the recruitment of health  
7 care practitioners to staff local special needs shelters.  
8 County health departments shall assign their employees to work  
9 in special needs shelters when needed to protect the health of  
10 patients.

11 (b) The appropriate county health department and local  
12 emergency management agency shall jointly determine who has  
13 responsibility for medical supervision in a special needs  
14 shelter.

15 (c) Local emergency management agencies shall be  
16 responsible for the designation and operation of special needs  
17 shelters during times of emergency or disaster. County health  
18 departments shall assist the local emergency management agency  
19 with regard to the management of medical services in special  
20 needs shelters.

21 (3) REIMBURSEMENT TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS.--The  
22 Department of Health shall reimburse, subject to the  
23 availability of funds for this purpose, health care  
24 practitioners, as defined in s. 455.501, provided the  
25 practitioner is not providing care to a patient under an  
26 existing contract, and emergency medical technicians and  
27 paramedics licensed pursuant to chapter 401 for medical care  
28 provided at the request of the department in special needs  
29 shelters or at other locations during times of emergency or  
30 major disaster. Reimbursement for health care practitioners,  
31 except for physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 458 or

1 chapter 459, shall be based on the average hourly rate that  
2 such practitioners were paid according to the most recent  
3 survey of Florida hospitals conducted by the Florida Hospital  
4 Association. Reimbursement shall be requested on forms  
5 prepared by the Department of Health. If a Presidential  
6 Disaster Declaration has been made, and the Federal Government  
7 makes funds available, the department shall use such funds for  
8 reimbursement of eligible expenditures. In other situations,  
9 or if federal funds do not fully compensate the department for  
10 reimbursement made pursuant to this section, the department  
11 shall submit to the Cabinet or Legislature, as appropriate, a  
12 budget amendment to obtain reimbursement from the working  
13 capital fund. Travel expense and per diem costs shall be  
14 reimbursed pursuant to s. 112.061.

15 (4) HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER REGISTRY.--The department  
16 may use the registries established in ss. 401.273 and 455.718  
17 when health care practitioners are needed to staff special  
18 needs shelters or to staff disaster medical assistance teams.

19 (5) SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE.--The  
20 Department of Health may establish a special needs shelter  
21 interagency committee, to be chaired and staffed by the  
22 department. The committee shall resolve problems related to  
23 special needs shelters not addressed in the state  
24 comprehensive emergency medical plan and shall serve as an  
25 oversight committee to monitor the planning and operation of  
26 special needs shelters.

27 (a) The committee may:

28 1. On or before January 1, 2001, resolve questions  
29 concerning the roles and responsibilities of state agencies  
30 and other organizations that are necessary to implement the  
31 program.

1           2. On or before January 1, 2001, identify any issues  
2 requiring additional legislation and funding.

3           3. Develop and negotiate any necessary interagency  
4 agreements.

5           4. Undertake other such activities as the department  
6 deems necessary to facilitate the implementation of this  
7 section.

8           5. Submit recommendations to the Legislature as  
9 necessary.

10           (b) The special needs shelter interagency committee  
11 shall be composed of representatives of emergency management,  
12 health, medical, and social services organizations. Membership  
13 shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Departments of  
14 Community Affairs, Children and Family Services, Elderly  
15 Affairs, Labor and Employment Security, and Education; the  
16 Agency for Health Care Administration; the Florida Medical  
17 Association; the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association;  
18 Associated Home Health Industries of Florida, Inc.; the  
19 Florida Nurses Association; the Florida Health Care  
20 Association; the Florida Hospital Association; the Florida  
21 Statutory Teaching Hospital Council; the Florida Association  
22 of Homes for the Aging; the Florida Emergency Preparedness  
23 Association; the American Red Cross; Florida Hospices, Inc.;  
24 the Association of Community Hospitals and Health Systems; the  
25 Florida Association of Health Maintenance Organizations; the  
26 Florida League of Health Systems; Private Care Association;  
27 and the Salvation Army.

28           (c) Meetings of the committee shall be held in  
29 Tallahassee and members of the committee shall serve at the  
30 expense of the agencies or organizations they represent.

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1           (6) RULES.--The department has the authority to adopt  
2 rules necessary to implement this section. Rules may include a  
3 definition of a special needs patient, specify physician  
4 reimbursement, and designate which county health departments  
5 will have responsibility for implementation of subsections (2)  
6 and (3).

7           Section 3. Section 400.492, Florida Statutes, is  
8 created to read:

9           400.492 Provision of services during an  
10 emergency.--Each home health agency shall prepare and maintain  
11 a comprehensive emergency management plan that is consistent  
12 with the standards adopted by national accreditation  
13 organizations and consistent with the local special needs  
14 plan. The plan shall be updated annually and shall provide for  
15 continuing home health services during an emergency that  
16 interrupts patient care or services in the patient's home. The  
17 plan shall describe how the home health agency establishes and  
18 maintains an effective response to emergencies and disasters,  
19 including: notifying staff when emergency response measures  
20 are initiated; providing for communication between staff  
21 members, county health departments, and local emergency  
22 management agencies, including a backup system; identifying  
23 resources necessary to continue essential care or services or  
24 referrals to other organizations subject to written agreement;  
25 and prioritizing and contacting patients who need continued  
26 care or services.

27           (1) Each patient record for patients who are listed in  
28 the registry established pursuant to s. 252.355 shall include  
29 a description of how care or services will be continued in the  
30 event of an emergency or disaster. The home health agency  
31 shall discuss the emergency provisions with the patient and

1 the patient's caregivers, including where and how the patient  
2 is to evacuate, procedures for notifying the home health  
3 agency in the event that the patient evacuates to a location  
4 other than the shelter identified in the patient record, and a  
5 list of medications and equipment which must either accompany  
6 the patient or will be needed by the patient in the event of  
7 an evacuation.

8 (2) Each home health agency shall maintain a current  
9 prioritized list of patients who need continued services  
10 during an emergency. The list shall indicate how services  
11 shall be continued in the event of an emergency or disaster  
12 for each patient and if the patient is to be transported to a  
13 special needs shelter, and shall indicate if the patient is  
14 receiving skilled nursing services and the patient's  
15 medication and equipment needs. The list shall be furnished to  
16 county health departments and to local emergency management  
17 agencies, upon request.

18 (3) Home health agencies shall not be required to  
19 continue to provide care to patients in emergency situations  
20 that are beyond their control and that make it impossible to  
21 provide services, such as when roads are impassable or when  
22 patients do not go to the location specified in their patient  
23 records.

24 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 400.464(2) or  
25 any other provision of law to the contrary, a home health  
26 agency may provide services in a special needs shelter located  
27 in any county.

28 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 400.497, Florida  
29 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (11) is added to said  
30 section, to read:

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1           400.497 Rules establishing minimum standards.--The  
2 Agency for Health Care Administration shall adopt, publish,  
3 and enforce rules to implement this part, including, as  
4 applicable, ss. 400.506 and 400.509, which must provide  
5 reasonable and fair minimum standards relating to:

6           (1) Scope of home health services to be provided,  
7 which shall include services to be provided during emergency  
8 evacuation and sheltering.

9           (11) Preparation of a comprehensive emergency  
10 management plan pursuant to s. 400.492.

11           (a) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
12 adopt rules establishing minimum criteria for the plan and  
13 plan updates, with the concurrence of the Department of Health  
14 and in consultation with the Department of Community Affairs.

15           (b) The rules must address the requirements in s.  
16 400.492. In addition, the rules shall provide for the  
17 maintenance of patient-specific medication lists that can  
18 accompany patients who are transported from their homes.

19           (c) The plan is subject to review and approval by the  
20 county health department. During its review, the county health  
21 department shall ensure that the following agencies, at a  
22 minimum, are given the opportunity to review the plan:

23           1. The local emergency management agency.

24           2. The Agency for Health Care Administration.

25           3. The local chapter of the American Red Cross or  
26 other lead sheltering agency.

27           4. The district office of the Department of Children  
28 and Family Services.

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1 The county health department shall complete its review within  
2 60 days after receipt of the plan and shall either approve the  
3 plan or advise the home health agency of necessary revisions.

4 (d) For any home health agency that operates in more  
5 than one county, the Department of Health shall review the  
6 plan, after consulting with all of the county health  
7 departments, the agency, and all the local chapters of the  
8 American Red Cross or other lead sheltering agencies in the  
9 areas of operation for that particular home health agency. The  
10 Department of Health shall complete its review within 90 days  
11 after receipt of the plan and shall either approve the plan or  
12 advise the home health agency of necessary revisions. The  
13 Department of Health shall make every effort to avoid imposing  
14 differing requirements based on differences between counties  
15 on the home health agency.

16 (e) The requirements in this subsection do not apply  
17 to:

18 1. A facility that is certified under chapter 651 and  
19 has a licensed home health agency used exclusively by  
20 residents of the facility; or

21 2. A retirement community that consists of residential  
22 units for independent living and either a licensed nursing  
23 home or an assisted living facility, and has a licensed home  
24 health agency used exclusively by the residents of the  
25 retirement community, provided the comprehensive emergency  
26 management plan for the facility or retirement community  
27 provides for continuous care of all residents with special  
28 needs during an emergency.

29 Section 5. Subsections (15), (16), and (17) of section  
30 400.506, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (17),  
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1 (18), and (19), respectively, and new subsections (15) and  
2 (16) are added to said section to read:

3 400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements;  
4 penalties.--

5 (15) Nurse registries shall assist at-risk clients  
6 with special needs registration with the appropriate local  
7 emergency management agency pursuant to s. 252.355.

8 (16) Each nurse registry shall prepare and maintain a  
9 comprehensive emergency management plan that is consistent  
10 with the criteria in this subsection and with the local  
11 special needs plan. The plan shall be updated annually. The  
12 plan shall specify how the nurse registry shall facilitate the  
13 provision of continuous care by persons referred for contract  
14 to persons who are registered pursuant to s. 252.355 during an  
15 emergency that interrupts the provision of care or services in  
16 private residences.

17 (a) All persons referred for contract who care for  
18 persons registered pursuant to s. 252.355 must include in the  
19 patient record a description of how care will be continued  
20 during a disaster or emergency that interrupts the provision  
21 of care in the patient's home. It shall be the responsibility  
22 of the person referred for contract to ensure that continuous  
23 care is provided.

24 (b) Each nurse registry shall maintain a current  
25 prioritized list of patients in private residences who are  
26 registered pursuant to s. 252.355 and are under the care of  
27 persons referred for contract and who need continued services  
28 during an emergency. This list shall indicate, for each  
29 patient, if the client is to be transported to a special needs  
30 shelter and if the patient is receiving skilled nursing  
31 services. Nurse registries shall make this list available to

1 county health departments and to local emergency management  
2 agencies upon request.

3 (c) Each person referred for contract who is caring  
4 for a patient who is registered pursuant to s. 252.355 shall  
5 provide a list of the patient's medication and equipment needs  
6 to the nurse registry. Each person referred for contract shall  
7 make this information available to county health departments  
8 and to local emergency management agencies upon request.

9 (d) Each person referred for contract shall not be  
10 required to continue to provide care to patients in emergency  
11 situations that are beyond the person's control and that make  
12 it impossible to provide services, such as when roads are  
13 impassable or when patients do not go to the location  
14 specified in their patient records.

15 (e) The comprehensive emergency management plan  
16 required by this subsection is subject to review and approval  
17 by the county health department. During its review, the county  
18 health department shall ensure that, at a minimum, the local  
19 emergency management agency, the Agency for Health Care  
20 Administration, and the local chapter of the American Red  
21 Cross or other lead sheltering agency are given the  
22 opportunity to review the plan. The county health department  
23 shall complete its review within 60 days after receipt of the  
24 plan and shall either approve the plan or advise the nurse  
25 registry of necessary revisions.

26 (f) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
27 adopt rules establishing minimum criteria for the  
28 comprehensive emergency management plan and plan updates  
29 required by this subsection, with the concurrence of the  
30 Department of Health and in consultation with the Department  
31 of Community Affairs.

1           Section 6. Paragraph (j) of subsection (1) of section  
2 400.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3           400.605 Administration; forms; fees; rules;  
4 inspections; fines.--

5           (1) The department, in consultation with the agency,  
6 shall by rule establish minimum standards and procedures for a  
7 hospice. The rules must include:

8           (j) Components of a comprehensive emergency management  
9 plan, developed in consultation with the Department of Health,  
10 the Department of Elderly Affairs, and the Department of  
11 Community Affairs ~~Component of a disaster preparedness plan.~~

12           Section 7. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (5) of  
13 section 400.6095, Florida Statutes, to read:

14           400.6095 Patient admission; assessment; plan of care;  
15 discharge; death.--

16           (5) Each hospice, in collaboration with the patient  
17 and the patient's primary or attending physician, shall  
18 prepare and maintain a plan of care for each patient, and the  
19 care provided to a patient must be in accordance with the plan  
20 of care. The plan of care shall be made a part of the  
21 patient's medical record and shall include, at a minimum:

22           (f) A description of how needed care and services will  
23 be provided in the event of an emergency.

24           Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
25 400.610, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

26           400.610 Administration and management of a hospice.--

27           (1) A hospice shall have a clearly defined organized  
28 governing body, consisting of a minimum of seven persons who  
29 are representative of the general population of the community  
30 served. The governing body shall have autonomous authority and  
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1 responsibility for the operation of the hospice and shall meet  
2 at least quarterly. The governing body shall:

3       (b)1. Prepare and maintain a comprehensive emergency  
4 management plan that provides for continuing hospice services  
5 in the event of an emergency that is consistent with local  
6 special needs plans. The plan shall include provisions for  
7 ensuring continuing care to hospice patients who go to special  
8 needs shelters. The plan is subject to review and approval by  
9 the county health department, except as provided in  
10 subparagraph 2. During its review, the county health  
11 department shall ensure that the department, the agency, and  
12 the local chapter of the American Red Cross or other lead  
13 sheltering agency have an opportunity to review and comment on  
14 the plan. The county health department shall complete its  
15 review within 60 days after receipt of the plan and shall  
16 either approve the plan or advise the hospice of necessary  
17 revisions ~~Prepare a disaster preparedness plan.~~

18       2. For any hospice that operates in more than one  
19 county, the Department of Health shall review the plan, after  
20 consulting with all of the county health departments, the  
21 agency, and all the local chapters of the American Red Cross  
22 or other lead sheltering agency in the areas of operation for  
23 that particular hospice. The Department of Health shall  
24 complete its review within 90 days after receipt of the plan  
25 and shall either approve the plan or advise the hospice of  
26 necessary revisions. The Department of Health shall make every  
27 effort to avoid imposing on the hospice differing requirements  
28 based on differences between counties.

29       Section 9. Section 401.273, Florida Statutes, is  
30 created to read:  
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1           401.273 Emergency medical technician and paramedic  
2 registry for disasters and emergencies.--

3           (1) The department shall include on its forms for the  
4 certification or recertification of emergency medical  
5 technicians and paramedics who could assist the department in  
6 the event of a disaster a question asking if the practitioner  
7 would be available to provide health care services in special  
8 needs shelters or to help staff disaster medical assistance  
9 teams during times of emergency or major disaster. The names  
10 of the emergency medical technicians and paramedics who answer  
11 affirmatively shall be maintained by the department as a  
12 registry for disasters and emergencies.

13           (2) A certificateholder may perform the functions of  
14 an emergency medical technician or paramedic in a special  
15 needs shelter or as a member of a disaster medical assistance  
16 team, provided that such functions are performed only under  
17 the medical direction of a physician who is licensed under  
18 chapter 458 or chapter 459 and who has complied with the  
19 formal supervision requirements of s. 458.348.

20           Section 10. Subsection (12) is added to section  
21 408.15, Florida Statutes, to read:

22           408.15 Powers of the agency.--In addition to the  
23 powers granted to the agency elsewhere in this chapter, the  
24 agency is authorized to:

25           (12) Establish, in coordination with the Department of  
26 Health, uniform standards of care to be provided in special  
27 needs units or shelters during times of emergency or major  
28 disaster.

29           Section 11. Section 455.718, Florida Statutes, is  
30 created to read:

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1           455.718 Health care practitioner registry for  
2 disasters and emergencies.--The Department of Health may  
3 include on its forms for the licensure or certification of  
4 health care practitioners, as defined in s. 455.501, who could  
5 assist the department in the event of a disaster a question  
6 asking if the practitioner would be available to provide  
7 health care services in special needs shelters or to help  
8 staff disaster medical assistance teams during times of  
9 emergency or major disaster. The names of practitioners who  
10 answer affirmatively shall be maintained by the department as  
11 a health care practitioner registry for disasters and  
12 emergencies.

13           Section 12. State agencies that contract with  
14 providers for the care of persons with disabilities or  
15 limitations that make such persons dependent upon the care of  
16 others shall include emergency and disaster planning  
17 provisions in such contracts at the time the contracts are  
18 initiated or upon renewal. These provisions shall include, but  
19 shall not be limited to:

20           (1) The designation of an emergency coordinating  
21 officer.

22           (2) A procedure to contact all at-risk provider  
23 clients, on a priority basis, prior to and immediately  
24 following an emergency or disaster.

25           (3) A procedure to help at-risk clients register with  
26 the special needs registry of the local emergency management  
27 agency.

28           (4) A procedure to dispatch the emergency coordinating  
29 officer or other staff members to special needs shelters to  
30 assist clients with special needs, if necessary.

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1           (5) A procedure for providing the essential services  
2 the organization currently provides to special needs clients  
3 in preparation for, and during and following, a disaster.

4           Section 13. There is hereby appropriated from the  
5 General Revenue Fund, to fund the implementation of this act:

6           (1) To the Department of Health the sum of \$3,798,932  
7 and 2 full-time-equivalent positions.

8           (2) To the Department of Children and Family Services  
9 the sum of \$58,898 and 1 full-time-equivalent position.

10           (3) To the Department of Elderly Affairs the sum of  
11 \$58,898 and 1 full-time-equivalent position.

12           (4) To the Agency for Health Care Administration the  
13 sum of \$58,898 and 1 full-time-equivalent position.

14           (5) To the Department of Community Affairs the sum of  
15 \$58,898 and 1 full-time-equivalent position.

16           Section 14. This act shall take effect October 1,  
17 2000.

1                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
2   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
3   SB 430  
4     The CS differs from the bill in the following ways:  
5     In Section 2, provides a statutory reference to the definition  
6     of "health care practitioner"; clarifies that physicians  
7     licensed under chapters 458 and 459, F.S., are exempt from  
8     being reimbursed on an hourly basis; and adds the Florida  
9     Osteopathic Medical Association to the special needs shelter  
10    interagency committee.  
11    In Section 4, strikes the word "hospice" and inserts "home  
12    health agency."  
13    In Section 6, adds the Department of Elderly Affairs to a list  
14    of agencies required to collaborate to develop a comprehensive  
15    emergency management plan for hospices.  
16    In Section 11, renumbers a section to place it in part II of  
17    chapter 455, F.S., which is the part regulating medical  
18    professions; and strikes references to specific health care  
19    practitioners and inserts the cross reference to the  
20    definition of "health care practitioner."  
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