

By the Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care; and  
Senator Meek

317-1651-01

1                                   A bill to be entitled

2           An act relating to medical education; providing

3           legislative intent with respect to establishing

4           a Program in Medical Sciences (PIMS) at Florida

5           Agricultural and Mechanical University, in

6           affiliation with the University of Florida

7           College of Medicine; specifying the number of

8           students to be accepted into the program;

9           providing for students admitted to the program

10          to transfer to the University of Florida

11          College of Medicine upon completion of the

12          first year of study; providing for the program

13          to recruit students to serve areas in the state

14          that lack sufficient medical services;

15          providing an appropriation for program planning

16          activities, including the development of a

17          memorandum of understanding; requiring that the

18          memorandum of understanding be submitted to the

19          Governor and presiding officers of the

20          Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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24           Section 1. Program in Medical Sciences.--

25           (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that a Program

26 in Medical Sciences (PIMS) be established at Florida

27 Agricultural and Mechanical University in affiliation with the

28 University of Florida College of Medicine. The primary focus

29 of the PIMS program at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical

30 University shall be to identify and recruit talented members

31 of minority groups who have demonstrated an interest in

1 serving the health-care needs of persons in rural communities  
2 and underserved inner-urban areas of the state and who select  
3 primary care as their primary area of practice.

4 (2) The Program in Medical Sciences (PIMS) at Florida  
5 Agricultural and Mechanical University shall provide the first  
6 year of medical education for at least 30 students per year.  
7 Upon successful completion of the first year of medical  
8 education at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, a  
9 student in the program shall transfer to the University of  
10 Florida College of Medicine for completion of the final 3  
11 years of medical school.

12 (3) The program shall be open to all undergraduate and  
13 postbaccalaureate students who are state residents. Particular  
14 consideration shall be given to nontraditional students and  
15 students who reside in medically underserved communities in  
16 the state. To develop a base of qualified potential medical  
17 school candidates from underrepresented groups, Florida  
18 Agricultural and Mechanical University shall coordinate its  
19 undergraduate premedical and science recruitment efforts with  
20 the University of Florida. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
21 University shall make every effort, through recruitment and  
22 retention, to employ for the first-year medical program a  
23 faculty and support staff that is representative of the  
24 heterogeneous nature of the state's population.

25 Section 2. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from  
26 the General Revenue Fund to Florida Agricultural and  
27 Mechanical University for the purposes of planning, in  
28 cooperation with the University of Florida College of  
29 Medicine, the Program in Medical Sciences during the 2001-2002  
30 fiscal year. Program planning activities must include  
31 developing a proposed memorandum of understanding, executed by

1 Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and the  
2 University of Florida College of Medicine, which describes the  
3 major programmatic components of the partnership, including an  
4 indication of when the first class will be admitted to the  
5 program. The memorandum of understanding must also include a  
6 proposed budget that describes all estimated recurring and  
7 nonrecurring costs required to implement the program which  
8 will be incurred by Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
9 University and the University of Florida College of Medicine  
10 in the 2002-2003 fiscal year and each subsequent fiscal year  
11 until the program is fully implemented. The executed  
12 memorandum of understanding must be submitted to the Governor,  
13 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives by February 15, 2002.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
16 law.

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18 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
20 Senate Bill 1404

21 The Committee Substitute establishes a Program in Medical  
22 Sciences at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in  
23 affiliation with the University of Florida College of  
24 Medicine. Both universities must coordinate the PIMS's  
25 undergraduate premedical and science recruitment efforts. The  
26 PIMS at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University must  
27 provide the first year of medical education for at least 30  
28 students per year. After successful completion of the first  
29 year of medical school at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical  
30 University, a student in the PIMS would transfer to the  
31 University of Florida College of Medicine.

27 The bill appropriates \$250,000 from the General Revenue Fund  
28 to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University for planning  
29 the PIMS, in cooperation with the University of Florida  
30 College of Medicine, during fiscal year 2001-2002. Program  
31 planning and partnership responsibilities for both  
universities are specified and a memorandum of understanding  
that includes a proposed budget for implementation of the PIMS  
must be developed and submitted to Governor and Legislature by  
February 15, 2002.