

Bill No. CS for SB 1618

Amendment No. Barcode 835912

<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 Senator Miller moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 11, between lines 6 and 7,

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16 insert:

17 Section 9. Section 381.00593, Florida Statutes, is

18 created to read:

19 381.00593 Public school volunteer health care

20 practitioner program.--

21 (1) This section may be cited as the "Public School

22 Volunteer Health Care Practitioner Act."

23 (2) The purpose of this section is to establish a

24 public school volunteer health care practitioner program with

25 incentives and coordinate the program with the "School Health

26 Services Act," pursuant to s. 381.0056, in order to encourage

27 health care practitioners to provide their services, without

28 compensation, in the public schools; and such program is

29 intended to complement other programs designed to provide

30 health services or increase the level of health care in the

31 public schools.

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1 (3) For purposes of this section, the term "health
2 care practitioner" means a physician licensed under chapter
3 458; an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459; a
4 chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460; a podiatric
5 physician licensed under chapter 461; an optometrist licensed
6 under chapter 463; an advanced registered nurse practitioner,
7 registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse licensed under
8 part I of chapter 464; a pharmacist licensed under chapter
9 465; a dentist or dental hygienist licensed under chapter 466;
10 a midwife licensed under chapter 467; a speech-language
11 pathologist or audiologist licensed under part I of chapter
12 468; or a physical therapist licensed under chapter 486.

13 (4)(a) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 458,
14 chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 463, part I of
15 chapter 464, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 467, part I of
16 chapter 468, or chapter 486 to the contrary, any health care
17 practitioner who participates in the program established in
18 this section and thereby agrees to provide his or her
19 services, without compensation, in a public school for at
20 least 80 hours a year for each school year during the biennial
21 licensure period, or, if the health care practitioner is
22 retired, for at least 400 hours a year for each school year
23 during the licensure period, upon providing sufficient proof
24 from the applicable school district that the health care
25 practitioner has completed such hours at the time of license
26 renewal under procedures specified by the Department of
27 Health, shall be eligible for the following:

- 28 1. Waiver of the biennial license renewal fee for an
29 active license; and
- 30 2. Fulfillment of a maximum of 25 percent of the
31 continuing education hours required for license renewal,

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1 pursuant to s. 456.013(9).

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3 The school district may establish a schedule for health care
4 practitioners who participate in the program.

5 (b) A health care practitioner must complete all forms
6 and procedures for participation in the program prior to the
7 applicable license renewal date.

8 (5) To participate in the program, a health care
9 practitioner must:

10 (a) Have a valid, active license to practice his or
11 her profession in this state.

12 (b) Submit fingerprints and have a background
13 screening in accordance with the requirements of s. 381.0059,
14 unless already provided and completed for practitioner
15 licensing, profiling, or credentialing purposes.

16 (6) The school district, through its self-insurance
17 program, shall bear the cost of any increase in premiums for
18 liability protection for health care practitioners
19 participating in the program other than those employed by the
20 school or school district.

21 (7)(a) The Department of Health shall have the
22 responsibility to supervise the program and perform periodic
23 program reviews as provided in s. 381.0056(4).

24 (b) The Department of Health, in cooperation with the
25 Department of Education, shall publicize the availability of
26 the program and its benefits.

27 (8) The Department of Health, in cooperation with the
28 Department of Education, may adopt rules necessary to
29 implement this section. The rules shall include the forms to
30 be completed and procedures to be followed by applicants and
31 school personnel under the program.

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1 (9) The provisions of this section shall be
2 implemented to the extent of specific appropriations contained
3 in the annual General Appropriations Act for such purpose.

4 Section 10. Implementation of the public school
5 volunteer health care practitioner program under s. 381.00593,
6 Florida Statutes, as created by this act, shall be according
7 to the following schedule:

8 (1) The forms and procedures required by s.
9 381.00593(8), Florida Statutes, must be completed and
10 distributed to the school districts by November 30, 2002.

11 (2) Each school district must make the application
12 forms and any other materials required by s. 381.00593(8),
13 Florida Statutes, available to all public schools in the
14 district within 1 month after the forms and procedures are
15 completed and distributed to the school district.

16 (3) Publication of the program, as required by s.
17 381.00593(7)(b), Florida Statutes, must begin within 1 month
18 after the forms and procedures are completed and distributed
19 to the school district.

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23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 On page 2, line 5, after the semicolon

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26 insert:

27 creating s. 381.00593, F.S.; creating a public
28 school volunteer health care practitioner
29 program; providing a short title; providing
30 purpose; providing a definition; providing for
31 waiver of biennial active license renewal fees

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1 and fulfillment of a portion of continuing
2 education hours for specified health care
3 practitioners who provide their services,
4 without compensation, in the public schools;
5 providing program and eligibility requirements;
6 providing for payment of any resulting increase
7 in liability insurance premiums; providing
8 administrative responsibilities; providing a
9 limitation on implementation; providing
10 rulemaking authority; providing for
11 implementation;

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