

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW

Representative(s) Littlefield offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 2, between lines 16 and 17, of the bill

insert:

Section 1. Section 385.210, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

385.210 Arthritis prevention and education.--

(1) SHORT TITLE.--This act may be cited as the "Arthritis Prevention and Education Act."

(2) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.--The Legislature finds the following:

(a) Arthritis encompasses more than 100 diseases and conditions that affect joints, the surrounding tissues, and other connective tissues.

(b) Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States, limiting daily activities for more than 7 million citizens.

(c) This disease has a significant impact on quality of life, not only for the individual who experiences its

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1 painful symptoms and resulting disability, but also for family  
2 members and caregivers.

3 (d) There are enormous economic and social costs  
4 associated with treating arthritis and its complications,  
5 which are estimated at almost \$80 billion annually in the  
6 United States.

7 (e) Currently, the challenge exists to ensure delivery  
8 of effective, but often underutilized, interventions that are  
9 necessary in the prevention or reduction of arthritis-related  
10 pain and disability.

11 (f) Although there exists a large quantity of public  
12 information about arthritis, including programs that can  
13 dramatically impact early diagnosis and treatment as well as  
14 the quality of life of people with arthritis, such information  
15 remains inadequately disseminated and insufficient in  
16 addressing the needs of specific diverse populations and other  
17 underserved groups.

18 (g) The Arthritis Foundation, Florida Chapter, the  
19 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the  
20 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials have led  
21 the development of a public health strategy, the National  
22 Arthritis Action Plan, to respond to this challenge.

23 (h) Educating the public and the health care community  
24 throughout the state about this devastating disease is of  
25 paramount importance and is in every respect in the public  
26 interest and to the benefit of all residents of the state.

27 (3) PURPOSES.--The purposes of this section are to:

28 (a) Create and foster a statewide program that  
29 promotes public awareness and increases knowledge about the  
30 causes of arthritis, the importance of early diagnosis and  
31 appropriate management, effective prevention strategies, and

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1 pain prevention and management.

2 (b) Develop knowledge and enhance understanding of  
3 arthritis by disseminating educational materials and  
4 information on research results, services provided, and  
5 strategies for prevention and education to patients, health  
6 professionals, and the public.

7 (c) Establish a solid scientific base of knowledge on  
8 the prevention of arthritis and related disabilities through  
9 surveillance, epidemiology, and prevention research.

10 (d) Utilize educational and training resources and  
11 services developed by organizations with appropriate expertise  
12 and knowledge of arthritis and to use available technical  
13 assistance.

14 (e) Evaluate the need for improving the quality and  
15 accessibility of existing community-based arthritis services.

16 (f) Heighten awareness among state and local health  
17 and human services officials, health professionals and  
18 providers, and policymakers about the prevention, detection,  
19 and treatment of arthritis.

20 (g) Implement and coordinate state and local programs  
21 and services to reduce the public health burden of arthritis.

22 (h) Provide lasting improvements in the delivery of  
23 health care for individuals with arthritis and their families,  
24 thus improving their quality of life while also containing  
25 health care costs.

26 (4) ARTHRITIS PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.--

27 (a) Program establishment.--To the extent that funds  
28 are specifically made available for this purpose, the  
29 Department of Health shall establish, promote, and maintain an  
30 arthritis prevention and education program to raise public  
31 awareness, educate consumers, and educate and train health

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1 professionals, teachers, and human services providers, and for  
2 other purposes as provided in this section.

3 (b) Needs assessment.--The department shall conduct a  
4 needs assessment to identify:

5 1. Epidemiological and other research on arthritis  
6 being conducted within the state.

7 2. Available technical assistance and educational  
8 materials and programs on arthritis nationwide and within the  
9 state.

10 3. The level of public and professional awareness of  
11 arthritis.

12 4. The needs of people with arthritis, their families,  
13 and caregivers.

14 5. The educational and support service needs of health  
15 care providers, including physicians, nurses, managed care  
16 organizations, and other health care providers, relating to  
17 arthritis.

18 6. The services available to persons with arthritis.

19 7. The existence of arthritis treatment,  
20 self-management, physical activity, and other education  
21 programs.

22 8. The existence of rehabilitation services for people  
23 with arthritis.

24 (c) Advisory panel on arthritis.--The department shall  
25 establish and coordinate an advisory panel on arthritis to  
26 provide nongovernmental input regarding the arthritis  
27 prevention and education program. Membership shall include,  
28 but is not limited to, persons with arthritis, public health  
29 educators, medical experts on arthritis, providers of  
30 arthritis health care, persons knowledgeable in health  
31 promotion and education, and representatives of national

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1 arthritis organizations and their local chapters.

2 (d) Public awareness.--The department shall use, but  
3 is not limited to, strategies consistent with the National  
4 Arthritis Action Plan and existing state planning efforts to  
5 raise public awareness and knowledge on the causes and nature  
6 of arthritis, personal risk factors, the value of prevention  
7 and early detection, ways to minimize preventable pain, and  
8 options for diagnosing and treating the disease.

9 (5) FUNDING.--

10 (a) Contributions.--The Secretary of Health may accept  
11 grants, services, and property from the Federal Government,  
12 foundations, organizations, medical schools, and other  
13 entities as may be available for the purposes of fulfilling  
14 the obligations of this program.

15 (b) Federal waivers.--The secretary shall seek any  
16 federal waiver or waivers that may be necessary to maximize  
17 funds from the Federal Government to implement this program.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 On page 1, line 2,  
23 remove: said line

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25 and insert:

26 An act relating to chronic diseases; creating  
27 s. 385.210, F.S.; creating the "Arthritis  
28 Prevention and Education Act"; providing  
29 legislative findings; providing purposes;  
30 directing the Department of Health to establish  
31 an arthritis prevention and education program;

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requiring the department to conduct a needs  
assessment; providing for establishment of an  
advisory panel on arthritis; providing for  
implementation of a public awareness effort;  
providing for funding through contributions;  
directing the Secretary of Health to seek  
federal waivers as necessary to maximize  
federal funding;