

By Senator Hill

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to prevention and control of  
3           communicable diseases; amending s. 381.003,  
4           F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to  
5           adopt certain standards applicable to all  
6           public-sector employers; requiring the  
7           compilation and maintenance of certain  
8           information by the department for use by  
9           employers; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 381.003,  
14 Florida Statutes, to read:15           381.003 Communicable disease and AIDS prevention and  
16 control.--

17           (3) The department shall by rule adopt the  
18 blood-borne-pathogen standard set forth in subpart Z of 29  
19 C.F.R. part 1910, as amended by Pub. L. No. 106-430, which  
20 shall apply to all public-sector employers. The department  
21 shall compile and maintain a list of existing needleless  
22 systems and sharps with engineered sharps-injury protection  
23 which shall be available to assist employers, including the  
24 department and the Department of Corrections, in complying  
25 with the applicable requirements of the blood-borne-pathogen  
26 standard. The list may be developed from existing sources of  
27 information, including, without limitation, the United States  
28 Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control  
29 and Prevention, the Occupational Safety and Health  
30 Administration, and the United States Department of Veterans  
31 Affairs.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that the Department of Health adopt by rule a blood-borne-pathogen standard for public-sector employers. Requires the department to compile and maintain a list of needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps-injury protection for use by employers, the department, and the Department of Corrections.