

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Health Care recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to prevention and control of communicable  
7 diseases; amending s. 381.003, F.S.; requiring the  
8 Department of Health to adopt certain standards applicable  
9 to public sector employers; providing an exception;  
10 requiring the compilation and maintenance of certain  
11 information by the department for use by employers;  
12 providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 381.003,  
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18 381.003 Communicable disease and AIDS prevention and  
19 control.--

20 (3) The department shall by rule adopt the blood-borne-  
21 pathogen standard set forth in subpart Z of 29 C.F.R. part 1910,  
22 as amended by Pub. L. No. 106-430, which shall apply to all  
23 public sector employers, except public sector employers whose

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24 compliance with the standard is required and regulated by  
25 federal law. The department shall compile and maintain a list of  
26 existing needleless systems and sharps with engineered sharps-  
27 injury protection which shall be available to assist employers,  
28 including the department and the Department of Corrections, in  
29 complying with the applicable requirements of the blood-borne-  
30 pathogen standard. The list may be developed from existing  
31 sources of information, including, without limitation, the  
32 United States Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for  
33 Disease Control and Prevention, the Occupational Safety and  
34 Health Administration, and the United States Department of  
35 Veterans Affairs.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.