

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1777 (PCB FFF 04-03) Adolescent Health  
**SPONSOR(S):** Future of Florida's Families and Fiorentino  
**TIED BILLS:** **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

The bill establishes the Florida's Future: Adolescent Health Initiatives Task Force within the Department of Health to raise awareness of the leading health indicators which impact adolescent health, to address the challenge of improving the health of Florida adolescents, to identify obstacles that impede or prevent adolescents from accessing health related services, and to identify strategies that are successful in encouraging optimal physical health and behavioral health in adolescents.

There is a \$200,000 appropriation to fund the Florida's Future: Adolescent Health Initiatives Task Force.

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## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government?                | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes?                      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom?        | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5. Empower families?                 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |

For any principle that received a “no” above, please explain:

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Adolescence is a critical time in a child’s development that is characterized by physical, mental and emotional changes. These changes are coupled with changes in social roles, relationships and a wide range of life expectations that are crucial to both individual development and to building a foundation for success in adulthood. It is necessary for young adults to succeed at the developmental tasks of adolescence in order to lead healthy and productive adult lives.<sup>1</sup>

The Florida Department of Health’s Child Health Strategic Planning Task Force built upon the national Healthy People 2010 initiative,<sup>2</sup> and through a comprehensive planning process, identified goals, strategic public health core functions, and sixteen leading indicators for child and youth health in Florida, as well as data sets for monitoring outcomes over time. In October of 2001, a publication, “The Health of Florida’s Children and Youth: Atlas of Key Status Indicators, Goals and Objectives for Strategic Planning,” was published and a web prototype for sharing this information was developed. This initiative for children and adolescents was developed to celebrate the potential for improved child and adolescent health through collaboration, review, and prioritization of data and seeks to move critical health issues forward by focusing on areas that can be improved through attention, organization, resources, and measurement.

On a national level, a number of organizations and groups are addressing the health needs of the adolescent population.<sup>3</sup> The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP), in collaboration with the State Adolescent Health Coordinators’ Network (SAHCN), has established an initiative, the Partnership for Adolescent Health with funding from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, to strengthen the capacity of states to support effective adolescent health programs. SAHCN is a national network of public health professionals working in or with state maternal and child health/family health programs as the designated state adolescent health coordinator. The Network’s goals focus heavily on state efforts to coordinate and improve adolescent health initiatives and programs and include:

- providing leadership, advocacy and consultation on adolescent health;
- formally supporting and strengthening sharing of ideas and strategies among state adolescent health coordinators; and

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<sup>1</sup> See A Conceptual Framework for Adolescent Health, State Adolescent Health Coordinators Network. 2002.

<sup>2</sup> Healthy People 2010 is a comprehensive set of disease prevention and health promotion objectives for the Nation to achieve over the first decade of the new century. Created by scientists both inside and outside of Government, it identifies a wide range of public health priorities and specific, measurable objectives. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

<sup>3</sup> See for example, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, American Medical Association Program on Child and Adolescent Health, and the National Adolescent Health Information Center.

- strengthening the capacity of state adolescent health coordinators and partners to effectively support healthy adolescents.

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- Adolescents should be viewed as a valued and respected asset to society;
- Programs and policies that serve adolescents should be focused on the developmental needs and tasks of adolescents, reduce racial disparities affecting adolescents, and consider those young individuals as partners rather than clients;
- Families, schools and communities should be engaged in developing environments that support adolescents;
- Adolescents should be involved in activities that enhance their competence, capacity, caring, character and civic engagement and promote self-understanding, self-worth, a sense of belonging and resiliency; and
- Services for adolescents should support their abilities and skills to become independent, self-supporting, and law abiding citizens.

#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

**Section 1.** Creates §381.0058, Florida Statutes, to establish the Florida's Future: Adolescent Health Initiatives Task Force within the Department of Health for administrative and staffing purposes. The section also provides definitions for "adolescence" and "adolescent health", provides legislative findings and intent, and provides requirements and criteria for task force membership and meetings. The section delineates the principles that are to guide the work of the task force and provides for the responsibilities and activities to be carried out by the task force.

**Section 2.** Provides for an effective date of July 1, 2004.

## II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

#### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

##### 1. Revenues:

None.

##### 2. Expenditures:

There is a \$200,000 appropriation for the operation of the task force for two years.

#### B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

##### 1. Revenues:

None.

##### 2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

**III. COMMENTS**

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The bill does not affect county or municipal government.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

**IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES**