

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Green offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 20.43, Florida

6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 20.43 Department of Health.--There is created a Department  
8 of Health.

9 (2)(a) The head of the Department of Health is the  
10 Secretary of Health and State Health Officer. The secretary must  
11 be a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 who has  
12 advanced training or extensive experience in public health  
13 administration. The secretary is appointed by the Governor  
14 subject to confirmation by the Senate. The secretary serves at  
15 the pleasure of the Governor.

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16       (b) The Officer of Women's Health Strategy is established  
17 within the Department of Health and shall report directly to the  
18 secretary.

19       Section 2. Section 381.04015, Florida Statutes, is created  
20 to read:

21       381.04015 Women's Health Strategy; legislative intent;  
22 duties of Officer of Women's Health Strategy; other state agency  
23 duties.--

24       (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--The Legislature recognizes that  
25 the health care needs of women are gender specific and that  
26 public policy must take into account the distinct  
27 characteristics of women's health issues. Priority shall be  
28 given to improve the overall health status of women through  
29 research and education on women's health issues. The Legislature  
30 recognizes the importance of understanding why there are such  
31 large differences between how women and men experience certain  
32 diseases and also recognizes that biomedical research is the key  
33 to finding these answers. Such research has important  
34 implications for both women and men in terms of clinical  
35 practice and disease prevention and manifestation. The  
36 Legislature recognizes that as the state's population continues  
37 to age and life expectancy for women continues to rise, it is of  
38 the utmost importance for the Legislature to encourage effective  
39 medical research on long-term health issues for women and to  
40 educate elder women about the importance of participating in  
41 medical studies. The Legislature finds and declares that the  
42 design and delivery of health care services and the medical

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43 education of health care practitioners shall be directed by the  
44 principle that health care needs are gender specific.

45 (2) DUTIES.--The Officer of Women's Health Strategy in the  
46 Department of Health shall:

47 (a) Ensure that the state's policies and programs are  
48 responsive to sex and gender differences and to women's health  
49 needs across the life span.

50 (b) Organize an interagency Committee for Women's Health  
51 for the purpose of integrating women's health programs in  
52 current operating and service delivery structures and setting  
53 priorities for women's health. Such committee shall be comprised  
54 of the heads or directors of state agencies with programs  
55 affecting women's health, including, but not limited to, the  
56 Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration,  
57 the Department of Education, the Department of Elderly Affairs,  
58 the Department of Corrections, the Office of Insurance  
59 Regulation of the Department of Financial Services, and the  
60 Department of Juvenile Justice.

61 (c) Assess the health status of women in the state through  
62 the collection and review of health data and trends.

63 (d) Review the state's insurance code as it relates to  
64 women's health issues.

65 (e) Work with medical school curriculum committees to  
66 develop course requirements on women's health and promote  
67 clinical practice guidelines specific to women.

68 (f) Organize statewide Women's Health Month activities.

69 (g) Coordinate a Governor's statewide conference on  
70 women's health, cosponsored by the agencies participating in the

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71 Committee for Women's Health and other private organizations and  
72 entities impacting women's health in the state.

73 (h) Promote research, treatment, and collaboration on  
74 women's health issues at universities and medical centers in the  
75 state.

76 (i) Promote employer incentives for wellness programs  
77 targeting women's health programs.

78 (j) Serve as the primary state resource for women's health  
79 information.

80 (k) Develop a statewide women's health plan emphasizing  
81 collaborative approaches to meeting the health needs of women.

82 The plan shall:

83 1. Identify activities designed to reduce the number of  
84 premature deaths in women, including:

85 a. Providing specific strategies for reducing the  
86 mortality rate of women.

87 b. Listing conditions that may cause or contribute to  
88 disease in women and the best methods by which to identify,  
89 control, and prevent these conditions from developing.

90 c. Identifying the best methods for ensuring an increase  
91 in the percentage of women in the state who receive diagnostic  
92 and screening testing.

93 2. Provide for increasing research and appropriate funding  
94 at institutions in the state studying disease in women.

95 3. Provide recommendations for the development of practice  
96 guidelines for addressing disease in women.

97 4. Provide recommendations for reducing health disparities  
98 among women in all races and ethnic groups.

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99           5. Coordinate with existing program plans that address  
100 women's health issues.

101           (l) Promote clinical practice guidelines specific to  
102 women.

103           (m) Serve as the state's liaison with other states and  
104 federal agencies and programs to develop best practices in  
105 women's health.

106           (n) Develop a statewide, web-based clearinghouse on  
107 women's health issues and resources.

108           (o) Promote public awareness campaigns and education on  
109 the health needs of women.

110           (p) By January 15 of each year, provide the Governor, the  
111 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
112 Representatives a report with policy recommendations for  
113 implementing the provisions of this section.

114           (3) DUTIES OF OTHER STATE AGENCIES.--

115           (a) Women's health issues shall be taken into  
116 consideration in the annual budget planning of the Department of  
117 Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the  
118 Department of Elderly Affairs.

119           (b) The inclusion of gender considerations and  
120 differential impact shall be one of the criteria when assessing  
121 research and demonstration proposals for which state funding is  
122 being sought from the Department of Health, the Agency for  
123 Health Care Administration, and the Department of Elderly  
124 Affairs.

125           (c) Boards or advisory bodies that fall under the purview  
126 of the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care

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Administration, and the Department of Elderly Affairs shall be encouraged to seek equal representation of women and men and the inclusion of persons who are knowledgeable and sensitive to gender and diversity issues.

(4) RESPONSIBILITY AND COORDINATION.--The officer and the department shall direct and carry out the Women's Health Strategy established under this section in accordance with the requirements of this section and may work with the Executive Office of the Governor and other state agencies to carry out their duties and responsibilities under this section.

Section 3. Effective July 1, 2004, there is appropriated the sum of \$150,000 from the General Revenue Fund, and one full-time equivalent position is authorized, for the Department of Health to implement the establishment of the Officer of Women's Health Strategy by this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

Remove the entire title and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Women's Health Strategy; amending s. 20.43, F.S.; establishing the Officer of Women's Health Strategy in the Department of Health; creating s. 381.04015, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing the duties of the Officer of Women's Health Strategy; requiring an annual report to the Governor and Legislature with policy recommendations for implementing the Women's Health Strategy; requiring consideration of women's health

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155 | issues and gender in state policy, planning, and  
156 | budgeting; providing for responsibility and coordination;  
157 | providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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