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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to multiservice senior centers;

3 creating s. 430.901, F.S.; providing a

4 definition and purposes of a "multiservice

5 senior center"; renumbering and amending s.

6 430.206, F.S.; providing for certain

7 accreditation; amending s. 430.203, F.S.;

8 repealing a definition of "multiservice senior

9 center," to conform; amending s. 430.205, F.S.;

10 providing that activities of a community care

11 service area may be directed from a

12 multiservice senior center as defined in s.

13 430.901, F.S.; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 430.901, Florida Statutes, is
18 created to read:

19 430.901 Multiservice senior center; definition;
20 purpose.--A "multiservice senior center" is:

21 (1) A community facility that is a highly visible
22 focal point for the organization and provision of a broad
23 spectrum of services suited to the diverse needs and interests
24 of independent older persons, which may include nutritional
25 meals; health, mental health, social, wellness, respite care,
26 and education services; and recreational activities.

27 (2) An entity that may partner with an aging resource
28 center to provide for easier access to long-term care services
29 by seniors and their families who reside within the local
30 community.

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1 (3) A setting that provides opportunities that enable
2 participants to stay connected to their communities and their
3 support networks.

4 (4) Designed to offer preventive screenings,
5 activities, and services that may divert seniors from more
6 extensive in-home services and help reduce, delay, or prevent
7 premature institutionalization.

8 (5) Designed for ease of access and use by seniors
9 with varying levels of physical abilities.

10 Section 2. Section 430.206, Florida Statutes, is
11 renumbered as section 430.902, Florida Statutes, and amended
12 to read:

13 430.902 ~~430.206~~ Multiservice senior center.--

14 (1) If practicable, multiservice senior center
15 services shall be available to functionally impaired elderly
16 persons.

17 (2) If feasible, a multiservice senior center should
18 ~~must~~ be centrally located and easily accessible to public
19 transportation. Provision may be made for transporting persons
20 to the center. A center shall be designed to provide ease of
21 access and use, considering the infirmities of elderly
22 persons.

23 (3)(a) Each multiservice senior center is encouraged
24 to have on the premises at all times a functioning automated
25 external defibrillator.

26 (b) Multiservice senior centers that provide automated
27 external defibrillators shall ensure that personnel are
28 properly trained in accordance with s. 401.2915.

29 (c) The location of each automated external
30 defibrillator shall be registered with a local emergency
31 medical services medical director.

1 (d) The use of automated external defibrillators by
2 employees and volunteers shall be covered under the provisions
3 of ss. 768.13 and 768.1325.

4 ~~(4)(e)~~ The department may adopt rules to implement the
5 provisions of this section.

6 (5) Multiservice senior centers are encouraged to seek
7 national accreditation by the National Institute of Senior
8 Centers.

9 Section 3. Subsections (11), (12), and (13) of section
10 430.203, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10),
11 (11), and (12), respectively, and subsection (10) of that
12 section is amended to read:

13 430.203 Community care for the elderly;
14 definitions.--As used in ss. 430.201-430.207, the term:

15 ~~(10) "Multiservice senior center" means a community~~
16 ~~facility for the organization and provision of a broad~~
17 ~~spectrum of services, which shall include provision of health,~~
18 ~~including mental health, social, nutritional, and education~~
19 ~~services, and the provision of facilities for recreational~~
20 ~~activities for persons 60 years of age or older.~~

21 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 430.205, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 430.205 Community care service system.--

24 (2) Core services and other support services may be
25 furnished by public or private agencies or organizations. Each
26 community care service system must be under the direction of a
27 lead agency that coordinates the activities of individual
28 contracting agencies providing community-care-for-the-elderly
29 services. When practicable, the activities of a community care
30 service area may ~~must~~ be directed from a multiservice senior
31 center, as defined in s. 430.901, and coordinated with other

1 services offered therein. This subsection does not require
2 programs in existence prior to the effective date of this act
3 to be relocated.

4 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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