

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.
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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 focal point for the
22 organization and provision of a broad spectrum of services
23 suited to the diverse needs and interests of independent older
24 persons, which may include nutritional meals; health, mental
25 health, social, wellness, respite care, and education
26 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 Section 2. Section 430.206, Florida Statutes, is
9 renumbered as section 430.902, Florida Statutes, and amended
10 to read:

11 430.902 ~~430.206~~ Multiservice senior center.--

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

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

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

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

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

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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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