## Florida Senate - 2005

By Senator Saunders

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Florida Cancer Council;
3	amending s. 381.921, F.S.; authorizing the
4	Florida Cancer Council to award grants from
5	certain funds; requiring the council to show
6	preference to certain proposals; creating s.
7	381.922, F.S.; apportioning the funds allocated
8	for the purposes of Florida Cancer Council
9	Grants; providing an appropriation for 5 fiscal
10	years to the council; providing an effective
11	date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Section 381.921, Florida Statutes, is
16	amended to read:
17	381.921 Florida Cancer Council mission and
18	dutiesThe council, which shall work in concert with the
19	Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease to
20	ensure that the goals of the center are advanced, shall
21	endeavor to dramatically improve cancer research and treatment
22	in this state through:
23	(1) Efforts to significantly expand cancer research
24	capacity in the state by:
25	(a) Identifying ways to attract new research talent
26	and attendant national grant-producing researchers to
27	Florida based cancer research facilities in this state;
28	(b) Implementing a peer-reviewed, competitive process
29	to identify and fund the best proposals to expand cancer
30	research institutes in this state;
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(c) Funding through available resources for those 1 2 proposals that demonstrate the greatest opportunity to attract federal research grants and private financial support; 3 (d) Encouraging the employment of bioinformatics in 4 5 order to create a cancer informatics infrastructure that б enhances information and resource exchange and integration 7 through researchers working in diverse disciplines, to facilitate the full spectrum of cancer investigations; 8 (e) Facilitating the technical coordination, business 9 10 development, and support of intellectual property as it relates to the advancement of cancer research; and 11 12 (f) Aiding in other multidisciplinary research-support 13 activities as they inure to the advancement of cancer research. 14 (2) Efforts to improve both research and treatment 15 through greater participation in clinical trials networks by: 16 17 (a) Identifying ways to increase adult enrollment in cancer clinical trials; 18 (b) Supporting public and private professional 19 education programs designed to increase the awareness and 20 21 knowledge about cancer clinical trials; 22 (c) Providing tools to cancer patients and 23 community-based oncologists to aid in the identification of cancer clinical trials available in the state; and 2.4 (d) Creating opportunities for the state's academic 25 cancer centers to collaborate with community-based oncologists 26 27 in cancer clinical trials networks. 2.8 (3) Efforts to reduce the impact of cancer on 29 disparate groups by: 30 (a) Identifying those cancers that disproportionately impact certain demographic groups; and 31

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1 (b) Building collaborations designed to reduce health 2 disparities as they relate to cancer. 3 4 The council may award grants, using a peer-reviewed 5 competitive process, from the proceeds generated from the 6 tobacco industry settlement which are deposited annually into 7 the Cancer Research and Clinical Trials Trust Fund or from funds allocated from other sources to execute the purposes set 8 forth in this section. The council, where possible, shall give 9 10 preference to proposals that promote collaborative efforts between institutions and facilities in this state to advance 11 12 cancer research, as well as the detection and treatment of 13 cancer. Section 2. Section 381.922, Florida Statutes, is 14 created to read: 15 16 381.922 Florida Cancer Council Grants; apportionment 17 of allocated funds.--(1) From the funds deposited annually into the Cancer 18 Research and Clinical Trials Trust Fund for the purposes 19 prescribed in s. 381.921, the following allocation percentages 20 21 shall apply: 22 (a) Up to 40 percent of available proceeds may be used 23 for grants related to the attraction, recruitment, and employment of experts in the field of cancer research, with 2.4 emphasis given to those researchers who will generate 25 increased federal research dollars directed to institutions in 26 27 this state. 2.8 (b) Up to 40 percent of available proceeds may be used for grants related to providing operational support to 29 institutions and facilities in this state, including 30 appropriate equipment as determined by the council. 31

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1	(c) Up to 20 percent of available proceeds may be used
2	for grants related to capital projects.
3	(2) Any capital construction projects granted by the
4	council pursuant to paragraph (1) shall require the approval
5	of the Governor and the Cabinet.
6	Section 3. The sum of \$100 million is appropriated
7	from the state's tobacco industry settlement proceeds and
8	shall be deposited annually from the 2005-2006 fiscal year
9	through the 2009-2010 fiscal year into the Cancer Research and
10	<u>Clinical Trials Trust Fund for the purposes prescribed in</u>
11	section 381.921, Florida Statutes.
12	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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15	SENATE SUMMARY
16	Authorizes the Florida Cancer Council to award grants from certain funds. Requires the council to show
17	preference to certain proposals. Apportions the funds allocated for grants awarded by the council. Provides an
18	appropriation.
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