

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to biomedical research; providing
3 legislative intent; amending s. 215.5602, F.S.; revising
4 the method for appointing members to the Biomedical
5 Research Advisory Council; authorizing the Legislature to
6 annually appropriate funds to the James and Esther King
7 Biomedical Research Program; providing for transition to
8 new appointments; amending s. 381.855, F.S.; revising the
9 purpose of the Florida Center for Universal Research to
10 Eradicate Disease; requiring the center to provide grants
11 for cancer research; revising membership of the center's
12 advisory council; providing for terms of office and the
13 filling of vacancies; providing for officers, meetings,
14 and procedure; providing procedures for awarding of cancer
15 research grants; providing for peer review panels;
16 providing requirements with respect to ethical conduct and
17 conflicts of interest; providing for public records and
18 meetings; authorizing the Legislature to annually
19 appropriate funds to the Florida Center for Universal
20 Research to Eradicate Disease; providing for transition to
21 new appointments; amending s. 381.921, F.S.; revising a
22 goal of the Florida Cancer Council; creating s. 381.922,
23 F.S.; establishing the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr.,
24 and David Coley Cancer Research Program within the
25 Department of Health; providing the purpose of the
26 program; requiring an annual report; amending s. 561.121,
27 F.S.; redistributing certain funds collected from taxes on
28 alcoholic beverages; amending s. 1004.445, F.S.; revising

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29 the method of appointing and filling vacancies on the
30 board of directors of the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr.,
31 Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute; requiring
32 certain information in the annual report; requiring an
33 annual operating budget; providing procedures for awarding
34 of Alzheimer's disease research grants; providing for peer
35 review panels; providing requirements with respect to
36 ethical conduct, conflicts of interest, and
37 confidentiality; providing for public records and
38 meetings; authorizing the Legislature to annually
39 appropriate funds to the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's
40 Center and Research Institute; providing for transition to
41 new appointments; providing appropriations; providing
42 effective dates.

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

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46 Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide
47 funding to support grants for biomedical research in this state
48 with the anticipation that sustained funding for biomedical
49 research over a period of years will lead to an alleviation of
50 human suffering from diseases such as cancer and Alzheimer's
51 disease. It is the intent of the Legislature to dramatically
52 reduce this state's inordinately high cancer burden, reducing
53 both cancer incidence and mortality, while advancing scientific
54 endeavors in this state, making this state a world-class leader
55 in cancer research and treatment. Further, it is the intent of
56 the Legislature to address the debilitating and deadly effects

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57 of Alzheimer's disease by supporting research in Alzheimer's
58 disease statewide through the awarding of research grants on a
59 competitive basis. Additionally, it is the intent of the
60 Legislature to stimulate dramatic economic development,
61 particularly in the biotechnology industry, through investment
62 in this state's biomedical research.

63 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 215.5602, Florida
64 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (11) is added to that
65 section, to read:

66 215.5602 James and Esther King Biomedical Research
67 Program.--

68 (3) There is created within the Department of Health the
69 Biomedical Research Advisory Council.

70 (a) The council shall consist of nine members, including:
71 the chief executive officer of the Florida Division of the
72 American Cancer Society, or a designee; the chief executive
73 officer of the Florida/Puerto Rico Affiliate of the American
74 Heart Association, or a designee; and the chief executive
75 officer of the American Lung Association of Florida, or a
76 designee. ~~The Governor shall appoint the remaining six members~~
77 of the council, shall be appointed as follows:

78 1. The Governor shall appoint two members with expertise
79 in the field of biomedical research, one member from a research
80 university in the state, and one member representing the general
81 population of the state.

82 2. The President of the Senate shall appoint one member
83 with expertise in the field of behavioral or social research.

84 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
 85 appoint one member from a professional medical organization.

86 ~~4. One member from a research university in the state.~~

87 ~~5. One member representing the general population of the~~
 88 ~~state.~~

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 90 In making these ~~his or her~~ appointments, the Governor, the
 91 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 92 Representatives shall select primarily, but not exclusively,
 93 Floridians with biomedical and lay expertise in the general
 94 areas of cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and pulmonary
 95 disease. The ~~Governor's~~ appointments shall be for a 3-year term
 96 and shall reflect the diversity of the state's population. An
 97 appointed ~~A council member appointed by the Governor~~ may not
 98 serve more than two consecutive terms.

99 (b) The council shall adopt internal organizational
 100 procedures as necessary for its efficient organization.

101 (c) The department shall provide such staff, information,
 102 and other assistance as is reasonably necessary to assist the
 103 council in carrying out its responsibilities.

104 (d) Members of the council shall serve without
 105 compensation, but may receive reimbursement as provided in s.
 106 112.061 for travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the
 107 performance of their official duties.

108 (11) The Legislature may annually appropriate funds to the
 109 James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program for the
 110 purposes of this section.

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111 Section 3. All appointments to the Biomedical Research
112 Advisory Council for the James and Esther King Biomedical
113 Research Program that were not made in accordance with s.
114 215.5602, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, shall expire
115 June 30, 2006, but such appointees may continue to serve until
116 their successors are appointed. This section shall take effect
117 upon this act becoming a law.

118 Section 4. Subsections (3) and (5) of section 381.855,
119 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (6), (7), (8),
120 and (9) are added to that section, to read:

121 381.855 Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate
122 Disease.--

123 (3) There is established within the Department of Health
124 the Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease,
125 which shall be known as "CURED."

126 (a) The purpose of the center is to coordinate, improve,
127 expand, and monitor all biomedical research programs within the
128 state, facilitate funding opportunities, including providing
129 grants for cancer research through the William G. "Bill"
130 Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program created
131 in s. 381.922, and foster improved technology transfer of
132 research findings into clinical trials and widespread public
133 use.

134 (b) The goal of the center is to find cures for diseases
135 such as cancer, heart disease, lung disease, diabetes,
136 autoimmune disorders, and neurological disorders, including
137 Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy, and Parkinson's disease.

138 (c) The center shall hold an annual biomedical technology
139 summit in Florida to which biomedical researchers, biomedical
140 technology companies, business incubators, pharmaceutical
141 manufacturers, and others around the nation and world are
142 invited to share biomedical research findings in order to
143 expedite the discovery of cures. Summit attendees shall cover
144 the costs of such attendance or obtain sponsorship for such
145 attendance.

146 (d) The center shall encourage clinical trials in this
147 state on research that holds promise of curing a disease or
148 condition. The center shall facilitate partnerships between
149 researchers, treating physicians, and community hospitals for
150 the purpose of sharing new techniques and new research findings,
151 as well as coordinating voluntary donations to ensure an
152 adequate supply of adult stem cells, placentas, or cord blood.

153 (e) The center shall facilitate the formation of
154 partnerships between researchers in this state and institutions
155 in other states and countries where research with rare plants or
156 animals could lead to cures.

157 (f) The center shall encourage agricultural colleges and
158 agricultural businesses in this state to be active in the search
159 for cures and in providing information to the public about
160 disease prevention.

161 (g) The center shall facilitate partnerships among
162 researchers working to cure all types of diseases, including
163 those that are prevalent in developed countries and those that
164 occur mainly in developing countries.

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165 (h) The center shall also encourage the discovery and
166 production in Florida of vaccines that prevent disease.

167 (i) The center shall monitor the supply and demand needs
168 of researchers relating to stem cell research and other types of
169 human tissue research. If the center determines that there is a
170 need for increased donation of human tissue, it shall notify
171 hospitals licensed pursuant to chapter 395 which have entered
172 into partnership agreements with research institutes conducting
173 stem cell research located in the same geographic region as the
174 researchers demanding the stem cells or other tissues. Such
175 hospitals shall implement programs that encourage voluntary
176 donations of cord blood or other needed adult tissue.

177 (j) The center shall be funded through private, state, and
178 federal sources.

179 (k) The center shall serve as a registry of all known
180 opportunities for biomedical grants ~~and may assist any public or~~
181 ~~private biomedical research program in this state in preparing~~
182 ~~grant requests.~~

183 (l) The center shall provide grants for cancer research to
184 further the search for cures for cancer.

185 1. Emphasis shall be given to the goals enumerated in s.
186 381.921, as those goals support the advancement of such cures.

187 2. Preference may be given to grant proposals that foster
188 collaborations between institutions, researchers, and community
189 practitioners, as such proposals support the advancement of
190 cures through basic or applied research, including cancer
191 clinical trials and related networks.

192 (m)~~(l)~~ The center shall maintain a website with links to
 193 peer-reviewed biomedical research. The website shall also
 194 contain a list of all known biomedical research being conducted
 195 in Florida and shall facilitate communication among researchers
 196 and other interested parties.

197 (n)~~(m)~~ The center shall submit an annual report to the
 198 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
 199 House of Representatives no later than January 15 which contains
 200 recommendations for legislative change necessary to foster a
 201 positive climate for biomedical research in this state.

202 (5) There is established within the center an advisory
 203 council that shall meet at least annually.

204 (a) The council shall consist of one representative from a
 205 Florida not-for-profit institution engaged in basic and clinical
 206 biomedical research and education which receives more than \$10
 207 million in annual grant funding from the National Institutes of
 208 Health, to be appointed by the Secretary of Health from a
 209 different institution each term, and ~~the members of the board of~~
 210 ~~directors of the Florida Research Consortium and at least one~~
 211 representative from and appointed by each of the following
 212 entities:

- 213 1. The Emerging Technology Commission.
- 214 2. Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- 215 3. BioFlorida.
- 216 4. The Biomedical Research Advisory Council.
- 217 5. The Florida Medical Foundation.
- 218 6. Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.
- 219 7. The Florida Tri-Agency Coalition on Smoking OR Health.

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- 220 8. The Florida Cancer Council.
- 221 9. The American Cancer Society, Florida Division, Inc.
- 222 10. The American Heart Association.
- 223 11. The American Lung Association of Florida.
- 224 12. The American Diabetes Association, South Coastal
- 225 Region.
- 226 13. The Alzheimer's Association.
- 227 14. The Epilepsy Foundation.
- 228 15. The National Parkinson Foundation.
- 229 16. The Florida Public Health Foundation, Inc.
- 230 17. The Florida Research Consortium ~~Scripps Florida or the~~
- 231 ~~entity formed in this state by The Scripps Research Institute.~~
- 232 (b) Members of the council shall serve without
- 233 compensation, and each organization represented shall cover all
- 234 expenses of its representative.
- 235 (6) Members shall be appointed to 4-year terms of office.
- 236 The members of the advisory council shall annually elect a chair
- 237 from among the members of the advisory council. Any vacancy on
- 238 the advisory council shall be filled in the same manner as the
- 239 original appointment.
- 240 (7) The advisory council shall meet at least annually, but
- 241 may meet as often as it deems necessary to carry out its duties
- 242 and responsibilities. The advisory council may take official
- 243 action by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting
- 244 at which a quorum is present.
- 245 (8) (a) Applications for cancer research funding may be
- 246 submitted from any university or established research institute
- 247 in the state. All qualified investigators in the state,

248 regardless of institutional affiliation, shall have equal access
249 and opportunity to compete for the research funding.

250 Collaborative proposals, including those that advance the
251 center's goals enumerated in paragraph (3)(1), may be given
252 preference. Grants shall be awarded by the Secretary of Health,
253 after consultation with the council, on the basis of scientific
254 merit, as determined by an open, competitive peer review process
255 that ensures objectivity, consistency, and high quality. The
256 following types of applications shall be considered for funding:

257 1. Investigator-initiated research grants.

258 2. Institutional research grants.

259 3. Collaborative research grants, including those that
260 advance the finding of cures through basic or applied research.

261 (b) To ensure that all proposals for research funding are
262 appropriate and are evaluated fairly on the basis of scientific
263 merit, the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the
264 council, shall appoint a peer review panel of independent,
265 scientifically qualified individuals to review the scientific
266 content of each proposal and establish its scientific priority
267 score. The priority scores shall be forwarded to the council and
268 must be considered in determining which proposals shall be
269 recommended for funding.

270 (c) The council and the peer review panel shall establish
271 and follow rigorous guidelines for ethical conduct and adhere to
272 a strict policy with regard to conflict of interest. A member of
273 the council or panel may not participate in any discussion or
274 decision with respect to a research proposal by any firm,
275 entity, or agency with which the member is associated as a

276 member of the governing body or as an employee or with which the
 277 member has entered into a contractual arrangement. Meetings of
 278 the council and the peer review panels are subject to chapter
 279 119, s. 286.011, and s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.

280 (9) The Legislature may annually appropriate funds to the
 281 Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease for
 282 research grants and for operating costs.

283 Section 5. All appointments to the advisory council for
 284 the Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease
 285 that were not made in accordance with s. 381.855, Florida
 286 Statutes, as amended by this act, shall expire June 30, 2006,
 287 but such appointees may continue to serve until their successors
 288 are appointed. This section shall take effect upon this act
 289 becoming a law.

290 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 381.921, Florida
 291 Statutes, is amended to read:

292 381.921 Florida Cancer Council mission and duties.--The
 293 council, which shall work in concert with the Florida Center for
 294 Universal Research to Eradicate Disease to ensure that the goals
 295 of the center are advanced, shall endeavor to dramatically
 296 improve cancer research and treatment in this state through:

297 (1) Efforts to significantly expand cancer research
 298 capacity in the state by:

299 (a) Identifying ways to attract new research talent and
 300 attendant national grant-producing researchers to ~~Florida-based~~
 301 cancer research facilities in this state;

302 (b) Implementing a peer-reviewed, competitive process to
 303 identify and fund the best proposals to expand cancer research
 304 institutes in this state;

305 (c) Funding through available resources for those
 306 proposals that demonstrate the greatest opportunity to attract
 307 federal research grants and private financial support;

308 (d) Encouraging the employment of bioinformatics in order
 309 to create a cancer informatics infrastructure that enhances
 310 information and resource exchange and integration through
 311 researchers working in diverse disciplines, to facilitate the
 312 full spectrum of cancer investigations;

313 (e) Facilitating the technical coordination, business
 314 development, and support of intellectual property as it relates
 315 to the advancement of cancer research; and

316 (f) Aiding in other multidisciplinary research-support
 317 activities as they inure to the advancement of cancer research.

318 Section 7. Section 381.922, Florida Statutes, is created
 319 to read:

320 381.922 William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley
 321 Cancer Research Program.--

322 (1) The William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley
 323 Cancer Research Program, which may be otherwise cited as the
 324 "Bankhead-Coley Program," is created within the Department of
 325 Health. The purpose of the program shall be to advance progress
 326 towards cures for cancer through grants awarded through a peer-
 327 reviewed, competitive process pursuant to s. 381.855.

328 (2) By December 15 of each year, the Department of Health
 329 shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and

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330 the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report indicating
331 progress towards the program's mission and making
332 recommendations that further its purpose.

333 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 561.121, Florida
334 Statutes, is amended to read:

335 561.121 Deposit of revenue.--

336 (1) All state funds collected pursuant to ss. 563.05,
337 564.06, and 565.12 shall be paid into the State Treasury and
338 disbursed in the following manner:

339 (a)~~1.~~ Two percent of monthly collections of the excise
340 taxes on alcoholic beverages established in ss. 563.05, 564.06,
341 and 565.12 shall be deposited into the Alcoholic Beverage and
342 Tobacco Trust Fund to meet the division's appropriation for the
343 state fiscal year.

344 ~~2. Beginning July 1, 2004, there is annually distributed~~
345 ~~\$15 million to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the~~
346 ~~Department of Elderly Affairs, and these funds are annually~~
347 ~~appropriated to support a contract with the Johnnie B. Byrd,~~
348 ~~Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute at the University~~
349 ~~of South Florida for the purposes of conducting research,~~
350 ~~developing and operating integrated data projects, and providing~~
351 ~~assistance to memory disorder clinics as established in s.~~
352 ~~430.502.~~

353 ~~3. Beginning July 1, 2004, there is annually distributed~~
354 ~~\$6 million to the Biomedical Research Trust Fund within the~~
355 ~~Department of Health, and these funds are annually appropriated~~
356 ~~to the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program. From~~
357 ~~these funds, up to \$250,000 shall be available annually for the~~

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358 ~~operating costs of the Florida Center for Universal Research to~~
359 ~~Eradicate Disease.~~

360 ~~4. Beginning July 1, 2004, there is annually distributed~~
361 ~~\$9 million to be paid by warrant drawn by the Chief Financial~~
362 ~~Officer upon the State Treasury to Florida State University for~~
363 ~~the School of Chiropractic Medicine. Notwithstanding the~~
364 ~~provisions of chapter 216, until the School of Chiropractic~~
365 ~~Medicine is completely staffed and fully operational, these~~
366 ~~funds may be used for any purpose by the university.~~

367 (b) The remainder of the funds collected pursuant to ss.
368 563.05, 564.06, and 565.12 ~~collection~~ shall be credited to the
369 General Revenue Fund.

370 Section 9. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 1004.445,
371 Florida Statutes, are amended, present subsections (8), (9), and
372 (10) are renumbered as subsections (9), (10), and (11),
373 respectively, and new subsections (8) and (12) are added to that
374 section, to read:

375 1004.445 Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and
376 Research Institute.--

377 (2) (a) The State Board of Education shall enter into an
378 agreement for the utilization of the facilities on the campus of
379 the University of South Florida to be known as the Johnnie B.
380 Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute, including
381 all furnishings, equipment, and other chattels used in the
382 operation of those facilities, with a Florida not-for-profit
383 corporation organized solely for the purpose of governing and
384 operating the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and
385 Research Institute. This not-for-profit corporation, acting as

386 an instrumentality of the state, shall govern and operate the
 387 Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute
 388 in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the State
 389 Board of Education and the not-for-profit corporation. The not-
 390 for-profit corporation may, with the prior approval of the State
 391 Board of Education, create either for-profit or not-for-profit
 392 corporate subsidiaries, or both, to fulfill its mission. The
 393 not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries are authorized
 394 to receive, hold, invest, and administer property and any moneys
 395 acquired from private, local, state, and federal sources, as
 396 well as technical and professional income generated or derived
 397 from practice activities of the institute, for the benefit of
 398 the institute and the fulfillment of its mission.

399 (b)~~1~~. The affairs of the not-for-profit corporation shall
 400 be managed by a board of directors who shall serve without
 401 compensation. The board of directors shall consist of the
 402 President of the University of South Florida and the chair of
 403 the State Board of Education, or their designees, five ~~5~~
 404 representatives of the state universities, and nine ~~no fewer~~
 405 ~~than 9 nor more than 14~~ representatives of the public who are
 406 neither medical doctors nor state employees. Each director who
 407 is a representative of a state university or of the public shall
 408 be appointed to serve a term of 3 years. The chair of the board
 409 of directors shall be selected by a majority vote of the
 410 directors. Each director shall have only one vote.

411 ~~2. The initial board of directors shall consist of the~~
 412 ~~President of the University of South Florida and the chair of~~
 413 ~~the State Board of Education, or their designees; the~~ Of the

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414 five university representatives, ~~of whom~~ one shall be appointed
415 by the Governor, two by the President of the Senate, and two by
416 the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and of the nine
417 public representatives, ~~of whom~~ three shall be appointed by the
418 Governor, three by the President of the Senate, and three by the
419 Speaker of the House of Representatives. ~~Upon the expiration of~~
420 ~~the terms of the initial appointed directors, all directors~~
421 ~~subject to 3-year terms of office under this paragraph shall be~~
422 ~~appointed by a majority vote of the directors and the board may~~
423 ~~be expanded to include additional public representative~~
424 ~~directors up to the maximum number allowed. Any vacancy in~~
425 office shall be filled in the same manner as the original
426 appointment ~~for the remainder of the term by majority vote of~~
427 ~~the directors~~. Any director may be reappointed.

428 (6) The institute shall be administered by a chief
429 executive officer, who shall be appointed by and serve at the
430 pleasure of the board of directors of the not-for-profit
431 corporation, and who shall exercise the following powers and
432 duties, subject to the approval of the board of directors:

433 (a) The chief executive officer shall establish programs
434 that fulfill the mission of the institute in research,
435 education, treatment, prevention, and early detection of
436 Alzheimer's disease; however, the chief executive officer may
437 not establish academic programs for which academic credit is
438 awarded and which culminate in the conferring of a degree,
439 without prior approval of the State Board of Education.

440 (b) The chief executive officer shall have control over
441 the budget and the moneys appropriated or donated to the

442 institute from private, local, state, and federal sources, as
443 well as technical and professional income generated or derived
444 from practice activities of the institute. However, professional
445 income generated by university faculty from practice activities
446 at the institute shall be shared between the institute and the
447 university as determined by the chief executive officer and the
448 appropriate university dean or vice president.

449 (c) The chief executive officer shall appoint
450 representatives of the institute to carry out the research,
451 patient care, and educational activities of the institute and
452 establish the compensation, benefits, and terms of service of
453 such representatives. Representatives of the institute shall be
454 eligible to hold concurrent appointments at affiliated academic
455 institutions. University faculty shall be eligible to hold
456 concurrent appointments at the institute.

457 (d) The chief executive officer shall have control over
458 the use and assignment of space and equipment within the
459 facilities.

460 (e) The chief executive officer shall have the power to
461 create the administrative structure necessary to carry out the
462 mission of the institute.

463 (f) The chief executive officer shall have a reporting
464 relationship to the Commissioner of Education.

465 (g) The chief executive officer shall provide a copy of
466 the institute's annual report to the Governor and Cabinet, the
467 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
468 Representatives, and the chair of the State Board of Education.
469 The annual report shall describe the expenditure of all funds

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470 and shall provide information regarding research that has been
471 conducted or funded by the center, as well as the expected and
472 actual results of such research.

473 (h) By August 1 of each year, the chief executive officer
474 shall develop and submit to the Governor and Cabinet, the
475 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
476 Representatives, and the chair of the State Board of Education
477 an annual operating budget detailing the planned use of state,
478 federal, and private funds for the fiscal year.

479 (8) (a) Applications for Alzheimer's disease research
480 funding may be submitted from any university or established
481 research institute in the state. All qualified investigators in
482 the state, regardless of institutional affiliation, shall have
483 equal access and opportunity to compete for the research
484 funding. Grants shall be awarded by the board of directors of
485 the not-for-profit corporation, after consultation with the
486 CURED advisory council created under s. 381.855, on the basis of
487 scientific merit, as determined by an open, competitive peer
488 review process that ensures objectivity, consistency, and high
489 quality. The following types of applications shall be considered
490 for funding:

- 491 1. Investigator-initiated research grants.
- 492 2. Institutional research grants.

493 (b) To ensure that all proposals for research funding are
494 appropriate and are evaluated fairly on the basis of scientific
495 merit, the board of directors of the not-for-profit corporation,
496 in consultation with the council of scientific advisors, shall
497 appoint a peer review panel of independent, scientifically

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498 qualified individuals to review the scientific content of each
499 proposal and establish its scientific priority score. The
500 priority scores shall be forwarded to the council and must be
501 considered in determining which proposals shall be recommended
502 for funding.

503 (c) The council of scientific advisors and the peer review
504 panel shall establish and follow rigorous guidelines for ethical
505 conduct and adhere to a strict policy with regard to conflict of
506 interest and confidentiality which shall comply with National
507 Institutes of Health standards. All employees, members of the
508 board of directors, and affiliates of the not-for-profit
509 corporation shall follow the same rigorous guidelines for
510 ethical conduct and shall adhere to the same strict policy with
511 regard to conflict of interest and confidentiality. A member of
512 the council or panel may not participate in any discussion or
513 decision with respect to a research proposal by any firm,
514 entity, or agency with which the member is associated as a
515 member of the governing body or as an employee or with which the
516 member has entered into a contractual arrangement. Meetings of
517 the council and the peer review panels are subject to chapter
518 119, s. 286.011, and s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.

519 (12) The Legislature may annually appropriate funds to the
520 Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute
521 at the University of South Florida for the purposes of this
522 section.

523 Section 10. All appointments to the board of directors of
524 the not-for-profit corporation for the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr.,
525 Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute that were not made in

526 accordance with s. 1004.445, Florida Statutes, as amended by
 527 this act, shall expire June 30, 2006, but such appointees may
 528 continue to serve until their successors are appointed. This
 529 section shall take effect upon this act becoming a law.

530 Section 11. (1) The sum of \$6 million is appropriated
 531 from the General Revenue Fund to the Biomedical Research Trust
 532 Fund in the Department of Health for fiscal year 2006-2007 for
 533 purposes of the James and Esther King Biomedical Research
 534 Program pursuant to s. 215.5602, Florida Statutes.

535 (2) The sum of \$9 million is appropriated from the General
 536 Revenue Fund to the Florida Center for Universal Research to
 537 Eradicate Disease within the Department of Health for fiscal
 538 year 2006-2007 to be distributed pursuant to s. 381.855, Florida
 539 Statutes, to provide grants to researchers seeking cures for
 540 cancer, with emphasis given to the goals enumerated in s.
 541 381.921, Florida Statutes.

542 (3) The sum of \$15 million is appropriated from the
 543 General Revenue Fund to the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's
 544 Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida
 545 for fiscal year 2006-2007 for the purposes of conducting
 546 research, developing and operating integrated data projects, and
 547 providing assistance to memory disorder clinics as provided
 548 under s. 430.502, Florida Statutes. Not less than 80 percent of
 549 these funds shall be distributed by the center as institutional
 550 research grants or investigator-initiated research grants.

551 Section 12. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
 552 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon

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553 | this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,
554 | 2006.