

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health Care Appropriations Committee recommends the
2 following:

3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to brain tumor research; creating s.
7 381.853, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent;
8 requiring the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain
9 Institute of the University of Florida to develop and
10 maintain a brain tumor registry; providing that
11 individuals may choose not to be listed in the registry;
12 establishing the Florida Center for Brain Tumor Research
13 within the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain
14 Institute of the University of Florida; providing purpose
15 and goal of the center; providing for a competitive grant
16 process for awarding certain funds; requiring the center
17 to hold an annual brain tumor biomedical technology
18 summit; providing for clinical trials and collaboration
19 between certain entities; requiring the center to submit
20 an annual report to the Governor, Legislature, and
21 Secretary of Health; providing for funding; establishing a
22 scientific advisory council and providing for membership,

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23 terms of office, meetings, and compensation; providing an
24 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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28 Section 1. Section 381.853, Florida Statutes, is created
29 to read:

30 381.853 Florida Center for Brain Tumor Research.--

31 (1) The Legislature finds that each year an estimated
32 190,000 citizens of the United States are diagnosed with
33 cancerous and noncancerous brain tumors and that biomedical
34 research is the key to finding cures for these tumors. The
35 Legislature further finds that, although brain tumor research is
36 being conducted throughout the state, there is a lack of
37 coordinated efforts among researchers and health care providers.
38 Therefore, the Legislature finds that there is a significant
39 need for a coordinated effort to achieve the goal of curing
40 brain tumors. The Legislature further finds that the biomedical
41 technology sector meets the criteria of a high-impact sector,
42 pursuant to s. 288.108(6), having a high importance to the
43 state's economy with a significant potential for growth and
44 contribution to our universities and quality of life.

45 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a
46 coordinated effort among the state's public and private
47 universities and hospitals and the biomedical industry to
48 discover brain tumor cures and develop brain tumor treatment
49 modalities. Moreover, it is the intent of the Legislature to

50 expand the state's economy by attracting biomedical researchers
51 and research companies to the state.

52 (3) The Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain Institute
53 of the University of Florida shall work with other institutions
54 and organizations to develop and maintain a brain tumor registry
55 that is an automated, electronic, and centralized database of
56 individuals with brain tumors. The individual, or the parent or
57 guardian of the individual if the individual is a minor, may
58 refuse to participate in the brain tumor registry by signing a
59 form obtained from the department or from the health care
60 practitioner or entity that provides brain tumor care or
61 treatment which indicates that the individual does not wish to
62 be included in the registry. The decision to not participate in
63 the registry must be noted in the registry.

64 (4) The Florida Center for Brain Tumor Research is
65 established within the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain
66 Institute of the University of Florida.

67 (a) The purpose of the center is to foster collaboration
68 with brain cancer research organizations and other institutions,
69 provide a central repository for brain tumor biopsies from
70 individuals throughout the state, improve and monitor brain
71 tumor biomedical research programs within the state, facilitate
72 funding opportunities, and foster improved technology transfer
73 of brain tumor research findings into clinical trials and
74 widespread public use.

75 (b) The goal of the center is to find cures for brain
76 tumors.

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77 (c) Funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature for
78 peer-reviewed brain tumor research shall be awarded using a
79 competitive grant process developed by the center.

80 (d) The center shall hold an annual brain tumor biomedical
81 technology summit in the state to which scientists conducting
82 basic peer-reviewed scientific research from the state's public
83 and private universities, teaching hospitals, and for-profit and
84 nonprofit institutions are invited to share biomedical research
85 findings in order to expedite the discovery of cures. Summit
86 attendees shall cover the costs of such attendance or obtain
87 sponsorship for such attendance.

88 (e) The center shall encourage clinical trials in the
89 state on research that holds the promise of curing brain tumors.
90 The center shall facilitate the formation of partnerships
91 between researchers, physicians, clinicians, and hospitals for
92 the purpose of sharing new techniques and new research findings
93 and coordinating the voluntary donation of brain tumor biopsies.

94 (f) The center shall facilitate the formation of
95 partnerships between researchers, physicians, clinicians, and
96 hospitals in the state.

97 (g) The center shall submit an annual report to the
98 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
99 of Representatives, and the Secretary of Health no later than
100 January 15 that contains recommendations for legislative changes
101 necessary to foster a positive climate for the pursuit of brain
102 tumor research and the development of treatment modalities in
103 the state.

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104 (h) The center shall be funded through private, state, and
105 federal sources.

106 (5) There is established within the center a scientific
107 advisory council that includes biomedical researchers,
108 physicians, clinicians, and representatives from public and
109 private universities and hospitals. The council shall meet at
110 least annually.

111 (a) The council shall consist of:

112 1. Two members from the Florida Center for Brain Tumor
113 Research within the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain
114 Institute of the University of Florida appointed by the
115 Governor.

116 2. Two members from the Scripps Research Institute, one of
117 whom must have expertise in basic brain tumor research,
118 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

119 3. Two members from other public and private universities
120 and institutions directly involved in brain tumor research
121 appointed by the President of the Senate.

122 4. Two physicians directly involved in the treatment of
123 brain tumor patients appointed by the Secretary of Health.

124 (b) Council members shall serve staggered 4-year terms.

125 (c) Council members shall serve without compensation, and
126 each organization represented shall cover all expenses of its
127 representative.

128 Section 2. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the
129 General Revenue Fund to the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight
130 Brain Institute of the University of Florida for the 2006-2007
131 fiscal year. The level of funding for brain tumor research and

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132 | the procurement of brain tumor biopsies shall be commensurate
133 | with the level of funding provided.

134 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.