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The Committee on Health Care (Saunders) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 12, between lines 14 and 15,

insert:

(2) The program shall provide grants for cancer research to further the search for cures for cancer.

(a) Emphasis shall be given to the goals enumerated in s. 381.921, as those goals support the advancement of such cures.

(b) Preference may be given to grant proposals that foster collaborations among institutions, researchers, and community practitioners, as such proposals support the advancement of cures through basic or applied research, including clinical trials involving cancer patients and related networks.

(3)(a) Applications for funding for cancer research may be submitted by any university or established research institute in the state. All qualified investigators in the

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1 state, regardless of institutional affiliation, shall have
 2 equal access and opportunity to compete for the research
 3 funding. Collaborative proposals, including those that advance
 4 the program's goals enumerated in subsection (2), may be given
 5 preference. Grants shall be awarded by the Secretary of
 6 Health, after consultation with the Biomedical Research
 7 Advisory Council, on the basis of scientific merit, as
 8 determined by an open, competitive peer-review process that
 9 ensures objectivity, consistency, and high quality. The
 10 following types of applications shall be considered for
 11 funding:

- 12 1. Investigator-initiated research grants.
- 13 2. Institutional research grants.
- 14 3. Collaborative research grants, including those that
 15 advance the finding of cures through basic or applied
 16 research.

17 (b) In order to ensure that all proposals for research
 18 funding are appropriate and are evaluated fairly on the basis
 19 of scientific merit, the Secretary of Health, in consultation
 20 with the council, shall appoint a peer-review panel of
 21 independent, scientifically qualified individuals to review
 22 the scientific content of each proposal and establish its
 23 priority score. The priority scores shall be forwarded to the
 24 council and must be considered in determining which proposals
 25 shall be recommended for funding.

26 (c) The council and the peer-review panel shall
 27 establish and follow rigorous guidelines for ethical conduct
 28 and adhere to a strict policy with regard to conflicts of
 29 interest. A member of the council or panel may not participate
 30 in any discussion or decision with respect to a research
 31 proposal by any firm, entity, or agency with which the member

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1 is associated as a member of the governing body or as an
 2 employee or with which the member has entered into a
 3 contractual arrangement. Meetings of the council and the
 4 peer-review panels are subject to chapter 119, s. 286.011, and
 5 s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.

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 7 (Redesignate subsequent subsections.)
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11 And the title is amended as follows:

12 On page 2, line 1, after the first semicolon,

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 14 insert:

15 requiring the program to provide grants for
 16 cancer research; providing procedures for
 17 awarding cancer research grants; providing for
 18 peer-review panels; providing requirements with
 19 respect to ethical conduct and conflicts of
 20 interest; providing for public records and
 21 meetings;

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