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1 The PreK-12 Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to the prevention of obesity; amending s.
7 381.0054, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to
8 collaborate with other state agencies in developing
9 policies and strategies to prevent obesity which shall be
10 incorporated into agency programs; requiring the
11 department to advise health care practitioners regarding
12 morbidity, mortality, and costs associated with the
13 condition of being overweight or obese; requiring the
14 department to inform health care practitioners about
15 clinical best practices for obesity prevention and to
16 encourage practitioners to counsel their patients
17 regarding the adoption of healthy lifestyles; providing an
18 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 381.0054, Florida
23 Statutes, is amended to read:

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24 | 381.0054 Healthy lifestyles promotion.--

25 | (1) The Department of Health shall promote healthy
26 | lifestyles to reduce the prevalence of excess weight gain
27 | ~~overweight~~ and obesity in Florida by implementing appropriate
28 | physical activity and nutrition programs that are directed
29 | towards ~~target~~ all Floridians by:

30 | (a) Using all appropriate media to promote maximum public
31 | awareness of the latest research on healthy lifestyles and
32 | chronic diseases and disseminating relevant information through
33 | a statewide clearinghouse relating to wellness, physical
34 | activity, and nutrition and their impact on chronic diseases and
35 | disabling conditions.

36 | (b) Providing technical assistance, training, and
37 | resources on healthy lifestyles and chronic diseases to the
38 | public, county health departments, health care providers, school
39 | districts, and other persons or entities, including faith-based
40 | organizations, that request such assistance to promote physical
41 | activity, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle programs.

42 | (c) Developing, implementing, and using all available
43 | research methods to collect data, including, but not limited to,
44 | population-specific data, and track the incidence and effects of
45 | weight gain, obesity, and related chronic diseases. The
46 | department shall include an evaluation and data collection
47 | component in all programs as appropriate.

48 | (d) Partnering with the Department of Education, local
49 | communities, school districts, and other entities to encourage
50 | Florida schools to promote activities during and after school to

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51 help students meet a minimum goal of 60 minutes of activity per
52 day.

53 (e) Partnering with the Department of Education, school
54 districts, and the Florida Sports Foundation to develop a
55 program that recognizes schools whose students demonstrate
56 excellent physical fitness or fitness improvement.

57 (f) Collaborating with other state agencies to develop
58 policies and strategies for preventing obesity, which shall be
59 incorporated into programs administered by each agency and shall
60 include promoting healthy lifestyles of employees of each
61 agency.

62 (g) Advising, in accordance with s. 456.081, health care
63 practitioners licensed in this state regarding the morbidity,
64 mortality, and costs associated with the condition of being
65 overweight or obese, informing such practitioners of clinical
66 best practices for preventing obesity, and encouraging
67 practitioners to counsel their patients regarding the adoption
68 of healthy lifestyles.

69 (h) ~~(f)~~ Maximizing all local, state, and federal funding
70 sources, including grants, public-private partnerships, and
71 other mechanisms, to strengthen the department's current
72 physical activity and nutrition programs and to enhance similar
73 county health department programs.

74 Section 2. The sum of \$ _____ is appropriated from the
75 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health for the 2006-
76 2007 fiscal year to implement the provisions of s. 381.0054,
77 Florida Statutes.

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