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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health Care Appropriations Committee recommends the
2 following:

Council/Committee Substitute

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

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

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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23 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 381.0054, Florida
24 Statutes, is amended to read:

25 381.0054 Healthy lifestyles promotion.--

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

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

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

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

49 (d) Partnering with the Department of Education, local
50 communities, school districts, and other entities to encourage

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51 Florida schools to promote activities during and after school to
52 help students meet a minimum goal of 60 minutes of activity per
53 day.

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

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

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

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

75 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.