

By Senator Justice

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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Reflex Sympathetic
3 Dystrophy Syndrome Education program; providing
4 definitions; providing legislative findings;
5 directing the Department of Health to establish
6 a Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome
7 Education program and outreach campaign;
8 providing for coordination of professional
9 education programs with the department;
10 authorizing the department to accept certain
11 grants, services, and property; providing an
12 effective date.

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

16 Section 1. Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome
17 Education program.--

18 (1) This act may be cited as the "Reflex Sympathetic
19 Dystrophy Syndrome Education Act."

20 (2) As used in this act, the following terms have the
21 following meanings unless the context clearly indicates
22 otherwise:

23 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.

24 (b) "RSDS" means the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
25 Syndrome.

26 (3) The Legislature finds that Reflex Sympathetic
27 Dystrophy Syndrome, also known as Complex Regional Pain
28 Syndrome, is a chronic neurological syndrome that affects
29 children and adults and is characterized by severe burning
30 pain, pathological changes in bone and skin, tissue swelling,
31 extreme sensitivity to touch, and emotional disturbance.

1 Untreated, RSDS can result in permanent deformity and chronic
2 pain.

3 (4) The department shall:

4 (a) Establish the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
5 Syndrome Education program to promote public awareness of the
6 causes of RSDS and the value of early detection, diagnosis,
7 and treatment.

8 (b) Establish a public education and outreach campaign
9 using written materials to promote awareness of RSDS and
10 enable individuals to make informed decisions about their
11 health, including, but not limited to:

12 1. The cause and nature of the disease.

13 2. Risk factors that contribute to the manifestation
14 of the disease.

15 3. All available treatment options and the risks and
16 benefits of those options.

17 4. Environmental safety and injury prevention.

18 5. Rest and use of appropriate body mechanics.

19 6. Availability of RSDS diagnostic, treatment, and
20 outreach services in the community.

21 7. Any other factors or elements that might mitigate
22 the effects of this disease.

23 (c) Develop educational materials that shall be made
24 available to consumers through the department and local
25 hospitals, clinics, and other health care providers.

26 (d) Develop relationships with health care providers
27 and health-related, community-based organizations to promote
28 and coordinate professional education programs concerning RSDS
29 that include, but are not limited to:

30 1. Research findings.

31 2. The causes and nature of the disease.

1 3. Risk factors, including, but not limited to,
2 lifestyle, heredity, and drug interactions.

3 4. Diagnostic procedures and appropriate indications
4 for their use.

5 5. All medical and surgical treatment options,
6 including experimental and established drug therapies and the
7 benefits and risks of each option.

8 6. Environmental safety and injury prevention.

9 7. Availability of RSDS diagnosis, treatment, and
10 support services in the community.

11 (5) The department may accept grants, services, and
12 property from the Federal Government, foundations,
13 organizations, and other entities as may be available to carry
14 out the provisions of this act.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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