Florida Senate - 2007

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Peaden

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Department of Health;
3	amending s. 20.43, F.S.; deleting the
4	designation of Secretary of Health and
5	including the designation of State Surgeon
б	General as the head of the Department of
7	Health; providing requirements for the
8	position; providing duties for the State
9	Surgeon General; conforming references;
10	amending s. 381.0605, F.S.; clarifying that the
11	Surgeon General referred to in s. 381.0605,
12	F.S., is the Surgeon General of the United
13	States; requiring the Division of Statutory
14	Revision of the Office of Legislative Services
15	to change references to the Secretary of Health
16	to the Surgeon General within the Florida
17	Statutes; providing an effective date.
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21	Section 1. Subsections (2), (5), and (6) of section
22	20.43, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
23	20.43 Department of HealthThere is created a
24	Department of Health.
25	(2)(a) The head of the Department of Health is the
26	<u>State Surgeon General</u> Secretary of Health and State Health
27	Officer. The <u>State Surgeon General</u> secretary must be a
28	physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 who has
29	advanced training or extensive experience in public health
30	administration. The <u>State Surgeon General</u> secretary is
31	appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the
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1	Senate. The <u>State Surgeon General</u> secretary serves at the
2	pleasure of the Governor. The State Surgeon General shall
3	serve as the leading voice on wellness and disease-prevention
4	efforts and will focus on advocating healthy lifestyles,
5	developing public health policy, and building collaborative
6	partnerships with schools, businesses, health care
7	practitioners, community-based organizations, and public and
8	private institutions in order to promote health literacy and
9	optimum quality of life for all Floridians. The State Surgeon
10	<u>General shall serve as a leading voice in addressing needs</u>
11	concerning access to health care in this state and shall focus
12	on assessing and addressing the adequacy of the physician and
13	health professional workforce in meeting the health care needs
14	of this state's residents and visitors.
15	(b) The Officer of Women's Health Strategy is
16	established within the Department of Health and shall report
17	directly to the <u>State Surgeon General</u> secretary .
18	(5) The department shall plan and administer its
19	public health programs through its county health departments
20	and may, for administrative purposes and efficient service
21	delivery, establish up to 15 service areas to carry out such
22	duties as may be prescribed by the State Surgeon General
23	secretary. The boundaries of the service areas shall be the
24	same as, or combinations of, the service districts of the
25	Department of Children and Family Services established in s.
26	20.19 and, to the extent practicable, shall take into
27	consideration the boundaries of the jobs and education
28	regional boards.
29	(6) The <u>State Surgeon General</u> secretary and division
30	directors are authorized to appoint ad hoc advisory committees
31	as necessary. The issue or problem that the ad hoc committee
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1 shall address, and the timeframe within which the committee is 2 to complete its work, shall be specified at the time the 3 committee is appointed. Ad hoc advisory committees shall include representatives of groups or entities affected by the 4 issue or problem that the committee is asked to examine. 5 б Members of ad hoc advisory committees shall receive no 7 compensation, but may, within existing departmental resources, 8 receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061. 9 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 381.0605, Florida 10 Statutes, is amended to read: 11 12 381.0605 Survey of state hospital facilities; Agency 13 for Health Care Administration .--(2) The Governor is authorized to provide for carrying 14 15 out such purposes in accordance with the standards prescribed 16 by the Surgeon General of the United States. 17 Section 3. The Division of Statutory Revision of the 18 Office of Legislative Services shall change "Secretary of Health" or "Secretary of the Department of Health" to "State 19 Surgeon General and change "secretary," with respect to that 2.0 21 department, to "State Surgeon General" wherever the same 22 appears in Florida Statutes. 23 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 2.4 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN 25 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 2260 26 27 2.8 The committee substitute no longer deletes references to the State Health Officer in the Florida Statutes. The bill revises 29 the duties of the State Surgeon General and removes provision Uninsured Health within the Department of Health. 30 31

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