

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

N/A

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Present Situation

There are 15 memory disorder clinics in Florida.¹ These clinics are mandated by statute to provide comprehensive assessments, diagnostic services, and treatment to individuals who exhibit symptoms of Alzheimer's disease-related memory disorders. These clinics also develop training programs and disease-related materials and conduct training for caregivers, respite service providers and health care professions in the care of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related memory disorders.

In 1995, the Legislature designated The East Central Florida Memory Disorder Clinic at the Joint Center for Advanced Therapeutics and Biomedical Research of the Florida Institute of Technology and Holmes Regional Medical Center, Inc. (East Central Florida Memory Clinic or "Clinic"), as one of the memory disorder centers to receive state funding.² Recently, the clinic changed its formal, corporate name to The Memory Disorder Clinic, Inc.³

The East Central Florida Memory Clinic covers a service area that includes Brevard, Indian River, Osceola, Southern Volusia, and St. Lucie counties. It is a collaborative effort between Health First, Inc., and the Florida Institute of Technology. Health First, Inc. has overseen the Clinic's fiduciary duties since 1998. As part of Holmes Regional Medical Center, the Clinic must comply with all policies and procedures of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO) hospital, HIPPA, and Health First, Inc.⁴

The Clinic provides services including comprehensive memory evaluations, caregiver education, support groups, and training and assessments for medically at-risk drivers.⁵

The East Central Florida Memory Disorder Clinic at the Joint Center for Advanced Therapeutics and Biomedical Research of the Florida Institute of Technology and Holmes Regional Medical Center, Inc. will be renamed "The Memory Disorder Clinic, Inc., operating in Brevard County."

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 430.502, F.S., relating to Alzheimer's disease: memory disorder clinics and day care and respite care programs.

Section 2. Provides an effective date of July 1, 2008.

¹ Section 430.502, F.S.

² Chapter 95-253, L.O.F.

³ Health First Memorandum, November 23, 2007, on file with the committee.

⁴ East Central Florida memory Clinic website: <http://www.ecfmds.org> (last visited April 13, 2008).

⁵ *Id.*

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

The legislation does not appear to require counties or municipalities to spend funds or take any action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenue in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

This bill is a very important bill that simply changes the name of “The East Central Florida Memory Disorder Clinic at the Joint Center for Advanced Therapeutics and Biomedical Research of the Florida Institute of Technology and Holmes Regional Medical Center, Inc.” to “The Memory Disorder Clinic, Inc., operating in Brevard County.”

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES