

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to breast cancer detection and screening;
 3 creating s. 381.932, F.S.; providing definitions;
 4 establishing a breast cancer early detection and treatment
 5 program within the Department of Health; providing
 6 purposes of the program; requiring the department to
 7 provide certain screening services to specified
 8 populations; requiring the State Surgeon General to submit
 9 a report to the Legislature; requiring organizations
 10 providing services to underserved women to submit a report
 11 to the department; providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 381.932, Florida Statutes, is created
 16 to read:

17 381.932 Breast cancer early detection and treatment
 18 referral program.--

19 (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

20 (a) "Breast cancer screening and referral services" means
 21 necessary breast cancer screening and referral services for a
 22 procedure intended to treat cancer of the human breast,
 23 including, but not limited to, surgery, radiation therapy,
 24 chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, and related medical followup
 25 services.

26 (b) "Unserved or underserved populations" means women who
 27 are:

28 1. At or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level
29 for individuals;

30 2. Without health insurance that covers breast cancer
31 screenings; and

32 3. Nineteen to 64 years of age, inclusive.

33 (2) There is established, within existing appropriations,
34 a breast cancer early detection and treatment referral program
35 within the Department of Health. The purposes of the program are
36 to:

37 (a) Promote the screening, detection, and treatment of
38 breast cancer among unserved or underserved populations.

39 (b) Educate the public regarding breast cancer and the
40 benefits of early detection.

41 (c) Provide counseling and referral services for persons
42 seeking treatment.

43 (3) The program shall include, but not be limited to, the:

44 (a) Establishment of a public education and outreach
45 initiative to publicize breast cancer early detection services
46 and the extent of coverage for such services by health
47 insurance, the benefits of early detection of breast cancer, and
48 the recommended frequency for receiving screening services,
49 including clinical breast examinations and mammography.

50 (b) Development of professional education programs that
51 include information regarding the benefits of the early
52 detection of breast cancer and the recommended frequency for
53 receiving a mammogram.

54 (c) Establishment of a system to track and followup on all
55 women screened for breast cancer in the program. The system

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56 shall include, but not be limited to, the followup of abnormal
57 screening tests and referral to treatment when needed and
58 tracking women to be screened at recommended screening
59 intervals.

60 (d) Establishment of a system to monitor participating
61 providers of breast cancer screening for compliance with
62 national and state quality assurance standards.

63 (4) The Department of Health shall provide unserved or
64 underserved populations, within existing appropriations and
65 through contracts with health care providers, clinical breast
66 examinations and screening mammograms, as recommended in the
67 most current breast cancer screening guidelines established by
68 the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

69 (5) The State Surgeon General shall submit an annual
70 report to the appropriate substantive committees of the
71 Legislature. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a
72 description of the rate of breast cancer morbidity and mortality
73 in this state and the extent to which women are participating in
74 breast cancer screening.

75 (6) The organizations providing the testing and treatment
76 services under this section shall report to the Department of
77 Health the names of the insurer of each underinsured woman being
78 tested to facilitate recoument of expenditures.

79 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.