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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 referral program within the Department of Health;
6 providing purposes of the program; requiring the
7 department to provide information regarding breast cancer
8 and referrals for screening and treatment; requiring the
9 State Surgeon General to submit a report to the
10 Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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

16 381.932 Breast cancer early detection and treatment
17 referral program.--

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 (c) Provide referral services for persons seeking
42 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 the benefits of early detection of breast cancer, and the
47 recommended frequency for receiving screening services,
48 including clinical breast examinations and mammography
49 guidelines established by the United States Preventive Services
50 Task Force.

51 (b) Development of professional education programs that
52 include information regarding the benefits of the early
53 detection of breast cancer and the recommended frequency for
54 receiving a mammogram, as recommended in the most current breast
55 cancer screening guidelines established by the United States
56 Preventive Services Task Force.

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57 (c) Establishment of a system to track and monitor all
58 women screened for breast cancer in the program. The system
59 shall include, but not be limited to, monitoring abnormal
60 screening tests, referring women for treatment when needed, and
61 tracking women to be screened at recommended screening
62 intervals.

63 (4) The State Surgeon General shall submit an annual
64 report to the appropriate substantive committees of the
65 Legislature. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a
66 description of the rate of breast cancer morbidity and mortality
67 in the state and the extent to which women are participating in
68 breast cancer screening as reported by the Behavioral Risk
69 Factor Surveillance System.

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