

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to cardiovascular disease; creating the
3 Florida Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke;
4 providing definitions; providing for the appointment of
5 members; providing terms of membership; providing
6 requirements for voting and a quorum; providing for
7 quarterly meetings; requiring the Department of Health to
8 provide administrative support; providing for
9 reimbursement of per diem and travel expenses; providing
10 powers and duties of the council; requiring the council to
11 submit written recommendations to the department, the
12 Governor, and the Legislature by a specified date;
13 requiring the council to report on its activities and
14 accounting of funds to the Governor and the Legislature;
15 requiring the council to review available clinical
16 resources and develop a database of recommendations for
17 care and treatment of patients having cardiovascular
18 disease or patients at the risk of or who have suffered
19 from a stroke; requiring the council to make this database
20 available to the public; requiring the council to collect
21 and analyze information related to cardiovascular disease
22 and stroke from different agencies and organizations and
23 create and maintain a database of the information;
24 providing requirements for the database; authorizing the
25 council to use information from other sources; providing
26 an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Florida Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.--

(1) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Cardiovascular disease" means the group of diseases that involve the heart and blood vessels and that are the result of complex interactions between multiple inherited traits and environmental factors.

(b) "Council" means the Florida Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.

(c) "Managed care entity" means a health maintenance organization or a prepaid health clinic certified under chapter 641, a prepaid health plan authorized under s. 409.912, Florida Statutes, or an exclusive provider organization certified under s. 627.6472, Florida Statutes.

(2) APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL; TERMS OF MEMBERS.--

(a) The Florida Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke is composed of 12 members, including a chairperson, who shall be appointed by the Governor and who are subject to confirmation by the Senate, as follows:

1. A licensed physician whose area of specialization is cardiology;

2. A licensed physician whose area of specialization is neurology to treat stroke;

3. A licensed physician who is employed in a primary care setting;

4. A registered nurse whose area of specialization is quality improvement practices for cardiovascular disease and

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57 stroke;

58 5. A registered and licensed dietitian;

59 6. A pharmacist who is licensed in this state;

60 7. Two persons who have experience and training in public
61 health policy, research, or practice;

62 8. Two consumer members, with special consideration given
63 to persons who are active participants in the Florida affiliates
64 of the American Heart Association or American Stroke Association
65 and who work in a managed care entity or in a hospital or
66 rehabilitation setting; and

67 9. Two members of the public who provide care for persons
68 who have cardiovascular disease or are at risk of a stroke or
69 who have suffered from cardiovascular disease or stroke.

70 (b) In appointing members under paragraph (a), the
71 Governor shall attempt to appoint female members and members of
72 different minority groups, including African Americans, Hispanic
73 Americans, Native Americans, and Asian Americans. The Governor
74 shall fill any vacancies for the remainder of the unexpired term
75 in the same manner as the original appointment.

76 (c) Members of the council shall be appointed to staggered
77 4-year terms, with the terms of three or four of the members
78 expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

79 (d) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a
80 quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members is
81 necessary to take action.

82 (e) The council shall meet quarterly or at the call of the
83 chairperson.

84 (f) The Department of Health shall provide staff and

85 administrative support for the council.

86 (g) Members of the council shall serve without
 87 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for travel and
 88 per diem expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
 89 accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

90 (3) POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.--

91 (a) The council shall develop an effective and resource-
 92 efficient plan to reduce the morbidity, mortality, and economic
 93 burden of cardiovascular disease and stroke in this state. The
 94 council shall:

95 1. Conduct health education, public awareness, and
 96 community outreach activities that relate to primary and
 97 secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease and stroke;

98 2. Promote, enhance, and coordinate health education,
 99 public awareness, and community outreach activities that relate
 100 to primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease
 101 and stroke and that are provided by private and other public
 102 organizations;

103 3. Coordinate activities with other entities that are
 104 concerned with medical conditions that are similar to
 105 cardiovascular disease and stroke or that have similar risk
 106 factors;

107 4. Identify for health care providers, employers, schools,
 108 community health centers, and other groups the benefits of
 109 encouraging treatment and primary and secondary prevention,
 110 promote public awareness of cardiovascular disease and stroke,
 111 and recognize innovative and effective programs that achieve the
 112 objectives of improved treatment, prevention, and public

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113 awareness;

114 5. Provide guidance regarding the roles and
115 responsibilities of government agencies, health care providers,
116 employers, third-party payers, patients, and families of
117 patients in the treatment, primary and secondary prevention, and
118 public awareness of cardiovascular disease and stroke;

119 6. Improve access to treatment for and primary and
120 secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease and stroke
121 through public awareness programs, including access for
122 uninsured individuals and individuals living in rural or
123 underserved areas;

124 7. Assist communities in developing comprehensive local
125 programs for the prevention of cardiovascular disease and
126 stroke;

127 8. Assist the Department of Education and local school
128 districts in promoting a public school curriculum that includes
129 physical, nutritional, and health education relating to the
130 prevention of cardiovascular disease and stroke;

131 9. Establish appropriate forums, programs, or initiatives
132 that are designed to educate the public regarding the effect of
133 heart disease and stroke on women's health, with an emphasis on
134 preventive health and healthy lifestyles;

135 10. Evaluate and enhance the implementation and
136 effectiveness of the program developed under this section; and

137 11. Advise the Legislature on legislation that is needed
138 to develop further and maintain a statewide system of quality
139 education services for all persons who have cardiovascular
140 disease or who have suffered from or are at risk for stroke. The

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141 council may develop and submit legislation to the Legislature or
142 comment on pending legislation that affects persons who have
143 cardiovascular disease or who have suffered from or are at risk
144 for stroke.

145 (b) By January 15, 2010, the council shall make written
146 recommendations for performing its duties under this section to
147 the Department of Health, the Governor, the President of the
148 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

149 (c) By January 15, 2011, and each January 15 thereafter,
150 the council shall report to the Governor, the President of the
151 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the
152 activities of the council, accounting for all funds received and
153 disbursed by or for the council during the preceding fiscal
154 year.

155 (4) DATABASE OF CLINICAL RESOURCES.--The council shall
156 review available clinical resources and shall develop a database
157 of recommendations for appropriate care and treatment of
158 patients who have cardiovascular disease or patients who have
159 suffered from or are at risk for stroke. The council shall make
160 the database accessible to the public.

161 (5) CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE DATABASE.--

162 (a) The council shall collect and analyze information
163 related to cardiovascular disease and stroke at the state level
164 and regional level and, to the extent feasible, at the local
165 level. The council shall obtain the information from federal and
166 state agencies and from private and public organizations. The
167 council shall maintain a database of this information. The
168 database shall include, but need not be limited to:

169 1. Information related to behavioral risk factors
 170 identified for cardiovascular disease and stroke;
 171 2. Morbidity and mortality rates for cardiovascular
 172 disease and stroke; and
 173 3. Community indicators relevant to cardiovascular disease
 174 and stroke.
 175 (b) In compiling the database, the council may use
 176 information available from other sources, such as the Behavioral
 177 Risk Factor Surveillance System established by the Centers for
 178 Disease Control and Prevention, reports of data from hospital
 179 discharges, and information included in death certificates.
 180 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.