

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Gaetz moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 154.503, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

154.503 Primary Care for Children and Families Challenge Grant Program; creation; administration.-

- (2) The department shall:
- (e) Coordinate with the primary care program developed pursuant to s. 154.011, the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation program created in s. 624.91, the school health services program

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created in ss. 381.0056 and 381.0057, the Healthy Communities, Healthy People Program created in s. 381.734, and the volunteer health care provider program developed pursuant to s. 766.1115.

Section 2. Sections 381.0053, 381.0054, 381.732, 381.733, and 381.734, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

Section 3. Subsection (16) of section 381.006, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (18) is added to that section, to read:

381.006 Environmental health.—The department shall conduct an environmental health program as part of fulfilling the state's public health mission. The purpose of this program is to detect and prevent disease caused by natural and manmade factors in the environment. The environmental health program shall include, but not be limited to:

(16) A group-care-facilities function, where a group care facility means any public or private school, housing, building or buildings, section of a building, or distinct part of a building or other place, whether operated for profit or not, which undertakes, through its ownership or management, to provide one or more personal services, care, protection, and supervision to persons who require such services and who are not related to the owner or administrator. The department may adopt rules necessary to protect the health and safety of residents, staff, and patrons of group care facilities, such as child care facilities, family day care homes, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, adult family care homes, hospices, residential treatment facilities, crisis stabilization units, pediatric extended care centers, intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled, group care homes, and, jointly



with the Department of Education, private and public schools. These rules may include definitions of terms; provisions relating to operation and maintenance of facilities, buildings, grounds, equipment, furnishings, and occupant-space requirements; lighting; heating, cooling, and ventilation; food service; water supply and plumbing; sewage; sanitary facilities; insect and rodent control; garbage; safety; personnel health, hygiene, and work practices; and other matters the department finds are appropriate or necessary to protect the safety and health of the residents, staff, or patrons. The department may not adopt rules that conflict with rules adopted by the licensing or certifying agency. The department may enter and inspect at reasonable hours to determine compliance with applicable statutes or rules. An environmental health program inspection of a certified domestic violence center or residential child-caring agency licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to chapter 409 shall be limited to the requirements set forth in the department's rules applicable to community-based residential facilities with five or fewer residents. In addition to any sanctions that the department may impose for violations of rules adopted under this section, the department shall also report such violations to any agency responsible for licensing or certifying the group care facility. The licensing or certifying agency may also impose any sanction based solely on the findings of the department.

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> The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

(18) A function related to air quality inside an enclosed

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ice rink to protect the health and safety of visitors and employees of an enclosed ice skating rink from dangers associated with oxides of nitrogen (NOX), hydrocarbons (CXHX), carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), and other harmful gasses, vapors, or particles as identified by the department which change the air quality due to the operation of the ice rink. The department may adopt rules, including definitions; air quality standards and requirements for monitoring, testing, and recordkeeping; maintenance and operation requirements for equipment that affects air quality; ventilation of the facility; operators' required response activities to the exceedance of an air quality standard; and assessment of fees. The department may enter and inspect an enclosed ice skating rink at reasonable hours to determine compliance with applicable statutes or rules. The department may assess a fee no greater than \$300 to cover the actual costs of the annual inspection and review of the air quality of enclosed ice skating rinks. The air quality standards adopted by the department must be consistent with risk values or exposure quidelines recommended by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 381.0061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.0061 Administrative fines.-

(1) In addition to any administrative action authorized by chapter 120 or by other law, the department may impose a fine, which shall not exceed \$500 for each violation, for a violation of s. 381.006(16), s. 381.006(18), s. 381.0065, s. 381.0066, s. 381.0072, or part III of chapter 489, for a violation of any

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rule adopted under this chapter, or for a violation of any of the provisions of chapter 386. Notice of intent to impose such fine shall be given by the department to the alleged violator. Each day that a violation continues may constitute a separate violation.

Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 381.0072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.0072 Food service protection.-It shall be the duty of the Department of Health to adopt and enforce sanitation rules consistent with law to ensure the protection of the public from food-borne illness. These rules shall provide the standards and requirements for the storage, preparation, serving, or display of food in food service establishments as defined in this section and which are not permitted or licensed under chapter 500 or chapter 509.

- (2) DUTIES.-
- (a) The department shall adopt rules, including definitions of terms which are consistent with law prescribing minimum sanitation standards and manager certification requirements as prescribed in s. 509.039, and which shall be enforced in food service establishments as defined in this section. The sanitation standards must address the construction, operation, and maintenance of the establishment; lighting, ventilation, laundry rooms, lockers, use and storage of toxic materials and cleaning compounds, and first-aid supplies; plan review; design, construction, installation, location, maintenance, sanitation, and storage of food equipment and utensils; employee training, health, hygiene, and work practices; food supplies, preparation, storage, transportation, and service, including access to the

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areas where food is stored or prepared; and sanitary facilities and controls, including water supply and sewage disposal; plumbing and toilet facilities; garbage and refuse collection, storage, and disposal; and vermin control. Public and private schools, if the food service is operated by school employees; hospitals licensed under chapter 395; nursing homes licensed under part II of chapter 400; child care facilities as defined in s. 402.301; residential facilities colocated with a nursing home or hospital, if all food is prepared in a central kitchen that complies with nursing or hospital regulations; and bars and lounges, as defined by department rule, are exempt from the rules developed for manager certification. The department shall administer a comprehensive inspection, monitoring, and sampling program to ensure such standards are maintained. With respect to food service establishments permitted or licensed under chapter 500 or chapter 509, the department shall assist the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services with rulemaking by providing technical information. Food service inspections of a certified domestic violence center shall be limited to the requirements set forth in the department's rules applicable to community-based residential facilities with five or fewer residents.

Section 6. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 381.0203, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 381.0203 Pharmacy services.-

(1) The department must may contract on a statewide basis for the purchase of drugs, as defined in s. 499.003, to be used by state agencies and political subdivisions, and may adopt

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rules to administer this section. Effective January 1, 2010, all state agencies, except the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Department of Management Services, must purchase drugs through the statewide contract unless:

- (a) The Pharmacy and Therapeutic Advisory Council approves a more cost-effective purchasing plan; or
- (b) The drugs required are not available through the statewide purchasing contract.
- (2) The department must may establish and maintain a pharmacy services program that includes, including, but is not limited to:
- (a) A central pharmacy to support pharmaceutical services provided by the county health departments, including pharmaceutical repackaging, dispensing, and the purchase and distribution of immunizations and other pharmaceuticals. Such services shall be provided to other state agencies and political subdivisions of the state upon written agreement. State agencies purchasing pharmaceutical services shall purchase pharmaceutical services, including pharmaceutical repackaging and dispensing services in the most cost-effective manner consistent with the delivery of quality medical care. Nothing in this subsection prohibits state agencies from contracting with vendors to provide these pharmaceutical services. Cost savings realized by the state through utilization of the central pharmacy may be used by the department to offset additional costs.

Section 7. Section 381.84, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 385.106, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

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- 385.106 381.84 Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Program. -
- (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section and for purposes of the provisions of s. 27, Art. X of the State Constitution, the term:
- (a) "AHEC network" means an area health education center network established under s. 381.0402.
- (b) "Best practices" means the Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs as established by the CDC, as amended.
- (c) (b) "CDC" means the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- (d) (c) "Council" means the Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Advisory Council.
 - (d) "Department" means the Department of Health.
- (e) "Tobacco" means, without limitation, tobacco itself and tobacco products that include tobacco and are intended or expected for human use or consumption, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and smokeless tobacco.
 - (f) "Youth" means minors and young adults.
- (2) PURPOSE, FINDINGS, AND INTENT.—It is the purpose of this section to implement s. 27, Art. X of the State Constitution. The Legislature finds that s. 27, Art. X of the State Constitution requires the funding of a statewide tobacco education and use prevention program that focuses on tobacco use by youth. The Legislature further finds that the primary goals of the program are to reduce the prevalence of tobacco use among youth, adults, and pregnant women; reduce per capita tobacco

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consumption; and reduce exposure to environmental tobacco smoke. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature to base increases in funding for individual components of the program on the results of assessments and evaluations. Recognizing that some components will need to grow faster than inflation, it is the intent of the Legislature to fund portions of the program on a nonrecurring basis in the early years so that those components that are most effective can be supported as the program matures.

- (3) PROGRAM COMPONENTS AND REQUIREMENTS.—The department shall conduct a comprehensive, statewide tobacco education and use prevention program consistent with the recommendations for effective program components contained in the 1999 Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs of the CDC, as amended by the CDC. The program shall include the following components, each of which shall focus on educating people, particularly youth and their parents, about the health hazards of tobacco and discouraging the use of tobacco. All program components shall include efforts to educate youth and their parents about tobacco use, and a youth-directed focus shall exist in all components outlined in this subsection. ÷
- (a) State and community interventions. These interventions shall include, but not be limited to, a statewide tobacco control program that combines and coordinates community-based interventions that focus on preventing initiation of tobacco use among youth and young adults; promoting quitting among adults, youth, and pregnant women; eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke; identifying and eliminating tobacco-related disparities among population groups; and promoting a range of collaborations to prevent and alleviate the effects of chronic diseases.

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Counter-marketing and advertising; cyberspace resource center. The counter-marketing and advertising campaign shall include, at a minimum, Internet, print, radio, and television advertising and shall be funded with a minimum of one-third of the total annual appropriation required by s. 27, Art. X of the State Constitution. A cyberspace resource center for copyrighted materials and information concerning tobacco education and use prevention, including cessation, shall be maintained by the program. Such resource center must be accessible to the public, including parents, teachers, and students, at each level of public and private schools, universities, and colleges in the state and shall provide links to other relevant resources. The Internet address for the resource center must be incorporated in all advertising. The information maintained in the resource center shall be used by the other components of the program.

(b) Health communication interventions. - Effective media and health communication intervention efforts include, but are not limited to, audience research to define themes and execute messages for influential, high impact, and specifically targeted campaigns; market research to identify the target market and the behavioral theory motivating change; counter-marketing surveillance; community tie-ins to support and reinforce the statewide campaign; technologies such as viral marketing, social networks, personal web pages, and web logs; traditional media; process and outcome evaluation of the communication efforts; and promotion of available services, including the state telephone cessation quitline. Cessation programs, counseling, and treatment.-This program component shall include two subcomponents:

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1. A statewide toll-free cessation service, which may include counseling, referrals to other local resources and support services, and treatment to the extent funds are available for treatment services; and

- 2. A local community-based program to disseminate information about smoking cessation, how smoking cessation relates to prenatal care and obesity prevention, and other chronic tobacco-related diseases.
- (c) Cessation interventions.—Cessation interventions include, but are not limited to, sustaining, expanding, and promoting the service through population-based counseling and treatment programs; encouraging public and private insurance coverage for counseling and FDA-approved medication treatments for tobacco-use cessation; eliminating cost and other barriers to treatment for underserved populations; and making health care system changes. Youth interventions to prevent tobacco-use initiation and encourage cessation among young people are needed in order to reshape the environment so that it supports tobaccofree norms. Because most people who start smoking are younger than 18 years of age, intervening during adolescence is critical. Community programs and school-based policies and interventions should be a part of a comprehensive effort that is implemented in coordination with community and school environments and in conjunction with increasing the unit price of tobacco products, sustaining anti-tobacco media campaigns, making environments tobacco free, and engaging in other efforts to create tobacco-free social norms. Surveillance and evaluation. The program shall conduct ongoing epidemiological surveillance and shall contract for annual independent

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evaluations of the effectiveness of the various components of the program in meeting the goals as set forth in subsection (2).

- (d) Surveillance and evaluation.-The surveillance and evaluation of all program components shall monitor and document short-term, intermediate, and long-term intervention outcomes to inform program and policy direction and ensure accountability. The surveillance and evaluation must be conducted objectively through scientifically sound methodology. Youth school programs. - School and after-school programs shall use current evidence-based curricula and programs that involve youth to educate youth about the health hazards of tobacco, help youth develop skills to refuse tobacco, and demonstrate to youth how to stop using tobacco.
- (e) Administration and management.—Administration and management activities include, but are not limited to, strategic planning to guide program efforts and resources in order to accomplish goals; recruiting and developing qualified and diverse technical, program, and administrative staff; awarding and monitoring program contracts and grants to coordinate implementation across program areas; developing and maintaining a fiscal-management system to track allocations and the expenditure of funds; increasing capacity at the community level through ongoing training and technical assistance; creating effective communications internally among chronic disease prevention programs and local coalitions and partners; and educating the public and decisionmakers on the health effects of tobacco and evidence-based effective program and policy interventions. Community programs and chronic disease prevention.-The department shall promote and support local

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community-based partnerships that emphasize programs involving youth, including programs for the prevention, detection, and early intervention of smoking-related chronic diseases.

- (f) Training.—The program shall include the training of health care practitioners, smoking-cessation counselors, and teachers by health professional students and other tobacco-use prevention specialists who are trained in preventing tobacco use and health education. Smoking-cessation counselors shall be trained by specialists who are certified in tobacco-use cessation.
- (g) County health departments Administration, statewide programs, and county health departments. - Each county health department is eligible to receive a portion of the annual appropriation, on a per capita basis, for coordinating tobacco education and use prevention programs within that county. Appropriated funds may be used to improve the infrastructure of the county health department to implement the comprehensive, statewide tobacco education and use prevention program. Each county health department shall prominently display in all treatment rooms and waiting rooms, counter-marketing and advertisement materials in the form of wall posters, brochures, television advertising if televisions are used in the lobby or waiting room, and screensavers and Internet advertising if computer kiosks are available for use or viewing by people at the county health department.
- (h) Enforcement and awareness of related laws.-In coordination with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the program shall monitor the enforcement of laws, rules, and policies prohibiting the sale or other provision of

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tobacco to minors, as well as the continued enforcement of the Clean Indoor Air Act prescribed in chapter 386. The advertisements produced in accordance with paragraph (b) paragraph (a) may also include information designed to make the public aware of these related laws and rules. The departments may enter into interagency agreements to carry out this program component.

- (i) AHEC smoking-cessation initiative. For the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 fiscal years only, The AHEC network shall expand the AHEC smoking-cessation initiative to each county within the state and perform other activities as determined by the department.
- (4) ADVISORY COUNCIL; MEMBERS, APPOINTMENTS, AND MEETINGS.-The Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Advisory Council is created within the department.
 - (a) The council shall consist of 23 members, including:
- 1. The State Surgeon General, who shall serve as the chairperson.
- 2. One county health department director, appointed by the State Surgeon General.
- 3. Two members appointed by the Commissioner of Education, of whom one must be a school district superintendent.
- 4. The chief executive officer of the Florida Division of the American Cancer Society, or his or her designee.
- 5. The chief executive officer of the Greater Southeast Affiliate of the American Heart Association, or his or her designee.
- 6. The chief executive officer of the American Lung Association of Florida, or his or her designee.

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- 7. The dean of the University of Miami School of Medicine, or his or her designee.
 - 8. The dean of the University of Florida College of Medicine, or his or her designee.
 - 9. The dean of the University of South Florida College of Medicine, or his or her designee.
- 10. The dean of the Florida State University College of Medicine, or his or her designee.
- 11. The dean of Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine, or his or her designee.
- 12. The dean of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Florida, or his or her designee.
- 13. The chief executive officer of the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, or his or her designee.
- 14. The chief executive officer of the Legacy Foundation, or his or her designee.
- 15. Four members appointed by the Governor, of whom two must have expertise in the field of tobacco-use prevention and education or smoking cessation and one individual who shall be between the ages of 16 and 21 at the time of his or her appointment.
- 16. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate, of whom one must have expertise in the field of tobacco-use prevention and education or smoking cessation.
- 17. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of whom one must have expertise in the field of tobacco-use prevention and education or smoking cessation.
- (b) The appointments shall be for 3-year terms and shall reflect the diversity of the state's population. A vacancy shall

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be filled by appointment by the original appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the term.

- (c) An appointed member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.
- (d) The council shall meet at least quarterly and upon the call of the chairperson. Meetings may be held via teleconference or other electronic means.
- (e) Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061. Members who are state officers or employees or who are appointed by state officers or employees shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061 from the state agency through which they serve.
- (f) The council shall adhere to all state ethics laws. Meetings of the council and the review panels are subject to chapter 119, s. 286.011, and s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution. The department shall provide council members with information and other assistance as is reasonably necessary to assist the council in carrying out its responsibilities.
- (5) COUNCIL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The council shall advise the State Surgeon General as to the direction and scope of the Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Program. The responsibilities of the council may include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Providing advice on program priorities and emphases.
 - (b) Providing advice on the overall program budget.
- (c) Providing advice on copyrighted material, trademark, and future transactions as they pertain to the tobacco education



and use prevention program.

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- (d) Reviewing, as requested by the department, broadcast material prepared for the Internet, portable media players, radio, and television advertisement as it relates to the advertising component of the tobacco education and use prevention program.
- (e) Participating in periodic program evaluation, as requested by the department.
- (f) Assisting the department in developing the development of quidelines to ensure fairness, neutrality, and adherence to the principles of merit and quality in the conduct of the program.
- (g) Assisting the department in developing the development of administrative procedures relating to solicitation, review, and award of contracts and grants in order to ensure an impartial, high-quality peer review system.
- (h) Assisting the department in developing panels to review and evaluate potential fund recipients the development and supervision of peer review panels.
- (i) Assisting the department in reviewing reports of peer review panels and making recommendations for funding allocations contracts and grants.
- (j) Assisting the department in reviewing the activities and evaluating the performance of the AHEC network to avoid duplicative efforts using state funds.
- (k) Recommending specific measureable outcomes meaningful outcome measures through a regular review of evidence-based and promising tobacco-use prevention and education strategies and programs of other states and the Federal Government.

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- (1) Recommending policies to encourage a coordinated response to tobacco use in this state, focusing specifically on creating partnerships within and between the public and private sectors.
- (6) CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS. Contracts or grants for the program components or subcomponents described in paragraphs (3)(a)-(f) shall be awarded by the State Surgeon General, after consultation with the council, on the basis of merit, as determined by an open, competitive, peer-reviewed process that ensures objectivity, consistency, and high quality. The department shall award such grants or contracts no later than October 1 for each fiscal year. A recipient of a contract or grant for the program component described in paragraph (3)(d) (3)(c) is not eligible for a contract or grant award for any other program component described in subsection (3) in the same state fiscal year. A school or college of medicine that is represented on the council is not eligible to receive a contract or grant under this section. For the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 fiscal years only, The department shall award a contract or grant in the amount of \$10 million to the AHEC network for the purpose of developing the components described in paragraph (3)(i). The AHEC network may apply for a competitive contract or grant after the 2008-2009 fiscal year.
- (a) In order to ensure that all proposals for funding are appropriate and are evaluated fairly on the basis of merit, the State Surgeon General, in consultation with the council, shall appoint a peer review panel of independent, qualified experts in the field of tobacco control to review the content of each proposal and establish its priority score. The priority scores

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shall be forwarded to the council and must be considered in determining which proposals will be recommended for funding.

- (b) The council and the peer review panel shall establish and follow rigorous guidelines for ethical conduct and adhere to a strict policy with regard to conflicts of interest. Council members are subject to the applicable provisions of chapter 112. A member of the council or panel may not participate in any discussion or decision with respect to a research proposal by any firm, entity, or agency with which the member is associated as a member of the governing body or as an employee or with which the member has entered into a contractual arrangement. Meetings of the council and the peer review panels are subject to chapter 119, s. 286.011, and s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (c) In each contract or grant agreement, the department shall limit the use of food and promotional items to no more than 2.5 percent of the total amount of the contract or grant and limit overhead or indirect costs to no more than 7.5 percent of the total amount of the contract or grant. The department, in consultation with the Department of Financial Services, shall publish guidelines for appropriate food and promotional items.
- (d) In each advertising contract, the department shall limit the total of production fees, buyer commissions, and related costs to no more than 10 percent of the total contract amount.
- (e) Notwithstanding the competitive process for contracts prescribed in this subsection, each county health department is eligible for core funding, on a per capita basis, to implement tobacco education and use prevention activities within that



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- (7) ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED.—By February 28 January 31 of each year, the department shall provide to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report that evaluates the program's effectiveness in reducing and preventing tobacco use and that recommends improvements to enhance the program's effectiveness. The report must contain, at a minimum, an annual survey of youth attitudes and behavior toward tobacco, as well as a description of the progress in reducing the prevalence of tobacco use among youth, adults, and pregnant women; reducing per capita tobacco consumption; and reducing exposure to environmental tobacco smoke.
- (8) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—From the total funds appropriated for the Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Program in the General Appropriations Act, an amount of up to 5 percent may be used by the department for administrative expenses.
- (9) RULEMAKING AUTHORIZED.-By January 1, 2008, the department shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this section.

Section 8. Section 381.91, Florida Statutes, is transferred and renumbered as section 385.2024, Florida Statutes, to read:

385.2024 381.91 Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program.

- (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to:
- (a) Reduce the rates of illness and death from lung cancer and other cancers and improve the quality of life among lowincome African-American and Hispanic populations through increased access to early, effective screening and diagnosis,



education, and treatment programs.

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- (b) Create a community faith-based disease-prevention program in conjunction with the Health Choice Network and other community health centers to build upon the natural referral and education networks in place within minority communities and to increase access to health service delivery in Florida.
- (c) Establish a funding source to build upon local private participation to sustain the operation of the program.
- (2)(a) There is created the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program, to be located, for administrative purposes, within the Department of Health, and operated from the community health centers within the Health Choice Network in Florida.
- (b) Funding may be provided to develop contracts with community health centers and local community faith-based education programs to provide cancer screening, diagnosis, education, and treatment services to low-income populations throughout the state.

Section 9. Section 381.911, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 385.2023, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

385.2023 381.911 Prostate Cancer Awareness Program.-

(1) To the extent that funds are specifically made available for this purpose, the Prostate Cancer Awareness Program is established within the Department of Health. The purpose of this program is to implement the recommendations of January 2000 of the Florida Prostate Cancer Task Force to provide for statewide outreach and health education activities to ensure that men are aware of and appropriately seek medical counseling for prostate cancer as an early-detection health care



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- (2) For purposes of implementing the program, the Department of Health and the Florida Public Health Foundation, Inc., may:
- (a) Conduct activities directly or enter into a contract with a qualified nonprofit community education entity.
- (b) Seek any available gifts, grants, or funds from the state, the Federal Government, philanthropic foundations, and industry or business groups.
- (3) A prostate cancer advisory committee is created to advise and assist the Department of Health and the Florida Public Health Foundation, Inc., in implementing the program.
- (a) The State Surgeon General shall appoint the advisory committee members, who shall consist of:
- 1. Three persons from prostate cancer survivor groups or cancer-related advocacy groups.
- 2. Three persons who are scientists or clinicians from public or nonpublic universities or research organizations.
- 3. Three persons who are engaged in the practice of a cancer-related medical specialty from health organizations committed to cancer research and control.
- (b) Members shall serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement, pursuant to s. 112.061, for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.
- (4) The program shall coordinate its efforts with those of the Florida Public Health Foundation, Inc.
 - Section 10. Section 381.912, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 11. Section 381.92, Florida Statutes, is

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transferred and renumbered as section 385.2025, Florida Statutes, to read:

385.2025 381.92 Florida Cancer Council.-

- (1) Effective July 1, 2004, the Florida Cancer Council within the Department of Health is established for the purpose of making the state a center of excellence for cancer research.
- (2)(a) The council shall be representative of the state's cancer centers, hospitals, and patient groups and shall be organized and shall operate in accordance with this act.
- (b) The Florida Cancer Council may create not-for-profit corporate subsidiaries to fulfill its mission. The council and its subsidiaries are authorized to receive, hold, invest, and administer property and any moneys acquired from private, local, state, and federal sources, as well as technical and professional income generated or derived from the missionrelated activities of the council.
 - (c) The members of the council shall consist of:
- 1. The chair of the Florida Dialogue on Cancer, who shall serve as the chair of the council;
 - 2. The State Surgeon General or his or her designee;
- 3. The chief executive officer of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center or his or her designee;
- 4. The director of the University of Florida Shands Cancer Center or his or her designee;
- 5. The chief executive officer of the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center or his or her designee;
- 6. The chief executive officer of the Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, or his or her designee;
 - 7. The chief executive officer of the American Cancer

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Society, Florida Division, Inc., or his or her designee;

- 8. The president of the American Cancer Society, Florida Division, Inc., Board of Directors or his or her designee;
- 9. The president of the Florida Society of Clinical Oncology or his or her designee;
- 10. The president of the American College of Surgeons, Florida Chapter, or his or her designee;
- 11. The chief executive officer of Enterprise Florida, Inc., or his or her designee;
- 12. Five representatives from cancer programs approved by the American College of Surgeons. Three shall be appointed by the Governor, one shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one shall be appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 13. One member of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- 14. One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate.
- (d) Appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate pursuant to paragraph (c) shall be for 2-year terms, concurrent with the bienniums in which they serve as presiding officers.
- (e) Appointments made by the Governor pursuant to paragraph (c) shall be for 2-year terms, although the Governor may reappoint members.
- (f) Members of the council or any subsidiaries shall serve without compensation, and each organization represented on the council shall cover the expenses of its representatives.
 - (3) The council shall issue an annual report to the Center

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for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease, the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate by December 15 of each year, with policy and funding recommendations regarding cancer research capacity in Florida and related issues.

Section 12. Section 381.921, Florida Statutes, is transferred and renumbered as section 385.20251, Florida Statutes, to read:

385.20251 381.921 Florida Cancer Council mission and duties.-The council, which shall work in concert with the Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease to ensure that the goals of the center are advanced, shall endeavor to dramatically improve cancer research and treatment in this state through:

- (1) Efforts to significantly expand cancer research capacity in the state by:
- (a) Identifying ways to attract new research talent and attendant national grant-producing researchers to cancer research facilities in this state;
- (b) Implementing a peer-reviewed, competitive process to identify and fund the best proposals to expand cancer research institutes in this state;
- (c) Funding through available resources for those proposals that demonstrate the greatest opportunity to attract federal research grants and private financial support;
- (d) Encouraging the employment of bioinformatics in order to create a cancer informatics infrastructure that enhances information and resource exchange and integration through researchers working in diverse disciplines, to facilitate the

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full spectrum of cancer investigations;

- (e) Facilitating the technical coordination, business development, and support of intellectual property as it relates to the advancement of cancer research; and
- (f) Aiding in other multidisciplinary research-support activities as they inure to the advancement of cancer research.
- (2) Efforts to improve both research and treatment through greater participation in clinical trials networks by:
- (a) Identifying ways to increase adult enrollment in cancer clinical trials;
- (b) Supporting public and private professional education programs designed to increase the awareness and knowledge about cancer clinical trials;
- (c) Providing tools to cancer patients and community-based oncologists to aid in the identification of cancer clinical trials available in the state; and
- (d) Creating opportunities for the state's academic cancer centers to collaborate with community-based oncologists in cancer clinical trials networks.
- (3) Efforts to reduce the impact of cancer on disparate groups by:
- (a) Identifying those cancers that disproportionately impact certain demographic groups; and
- (b) Building collaborations designed to reduce health disparities as they relate to cancer.
- Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and subsection (5) of section 381.922, Florida Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 2009-5, Law of Florida, is amended to read:
 - 381.922 William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley



Cancer Research Program. -

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- (2) The program shall provide grants for cancer research to further the search for cures for cancer.
- (a) Emphasis shall be given to the goals enumerated in s. 385.20251 s. 381.921, as those goals support the advancement of such cures.
- (5) For the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of \$6.75 million is appropriated annually from recurring funds in the General Revenue Fund to the Biomedical Research Trust Fund within the Department of Health for purposes of the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program and shall be distributed pursuant to this section to provide grants to researchers seeking cures for cancer, with emphasis given to the goals enumerated in s. 385.20251 s. 381.921. From the total funds appropriated, an amount of up to 10 percent may be used for administrative expenses.

Section 14. Section 381.93, Florida Statutes, is transferred and renumbered as section 385.2021, Florida Statutes, to read:

- 385.2021 381.93 Breast and cervical cancer early detection program.—This section may be cited as the "Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Act."
- (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to reduce the rates of death due to breast and cervical cancer through early diagnosis and increased access to early screening, diagnosis, and treatment programs.
- (2) The Department of Health, using available federal funds and state funds appropriated for that purpose, is authorized to

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establish the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening and Early Detection Program to provide screening, diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, case management, and followup and referral to the Agency for Health Care Administration for coverage of treatment services.

- (3) The Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program shall be funded through grants for such screening and early detection purposes from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under Title XV of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 300k et seq.
- (4) The department shall limit enrollment in the program to persons with incomes up to and including 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The department shall establish an eligibility process that includes an income-verification process to ensure that persons served under the program meet income quidelines.
- (5) The department may provide other breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services; however, such services shall be funded separately through other sources than this act.

Section 15. Section 381.931, Florida Statutes, is transferred and renumbered as section 385.20211, Florida Statutes, to read:

385.20211 381.931 Annual report on Medicaid expenditures.-The Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care Administration shall monitor the total Medicaid expenditures for services made under this act. If Medicaid expenditures are projected to exceed the amount appropriated by the Legislature, the Department of Health shall limit the number of screenings to ensure Medicaid expenditures do not exceed the amount

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appropriated. The Department of Health, in cooperation with the Agency for Health Care Administration, shall prepare an annual report that must include the number of women screened; the percentage of positive and negative outcomes; the number of referrals to Medicaid and other providers for treatment services; the estimated number of women who are not screened or not served by Medicaid due to funding limitations, if any; the cost of Medicaid treatment services; and the estimated cost of treatment services for women who were not screened or referred for treatment due to funding limitations. The report shall be submitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Executive Office of the Governor by March 1 of each year.

Section 16. Chapter 385, Florida Statutes, entitled "Chronic Diseases," is renamed the "Healthy and Fit Florida Act."

Section 17. Section 385.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

385.101 Short title.—This chapter Sections 385.101-385.103 may be cited as the "Healthy and Fit Florida Chronic Diseases Act."

Section 18. Section 385.102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

385.102 Legislative intent.—It is the finding of the Legislature that:

(1) Chronic diseases continue to be the leading cause of death and disability in this state and the country exist in high proportions among the people of this state. These Chronic diseases include, but are not limited to, arthritis,

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cardiovascular disease heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, renal disease, cancer, and chronic obstructive lung disease, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. These diseases are often have the same preventable risk factors interrelated, and they directly and indirectly account for a high rate of death, disability, and underlying costs to the state's health care system illness.

- (2) Chronic diseases have a significant impact on quality of life, not only for the individuals who experience their painful symptoms and resulting disabilities, but also for family members and caregivers.
- (3) Racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations are disproportionately affected by chronic diseases.
- (4) There are enormous medical costs and lost wages associated with chronic diseases and their complications.
- (5) (2) Advances in medical knowledge and technology assist have assisted in the prevention, detection, and management of chronic diseases. Comprehensive approaches that stress the stressing application of current medical treatment, continuing research, professional training, and patient education, and community-level policy and environmental changes should be implemented encouraged.
- (6) (3) A comprehensive program dealing with the early detection and prevention of chronic diseases is required to make knowledge and therapy available to all people of this state. The mobilization of scientific, medical, and educational resources, along with the implementation of community-based policy under one comprehensive chronic disease law, act will facilitate the prevention, early intervention, and management treatment of

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chronic these diseases and their symptoms. This integration of resources and policy will and result in a decline in death and disability illness among the people of this state.

- (7) Chronic diseases account for 70 percent of all deaths in the United States. The following chronic diseases are the leading causes of death and disability:
- (a) Heart disease and stroke, which have remained the first and third leading causes of death for both men and women in the United States for over seven decades and account for approximately one-third of total deaths each year in this state.
- (b) Cancer, which is the second leading cause of death and is responsible for one in four deaths in this state.
- (c) Lung disease, which is the third leading cause of death and accounts for one in every six deaths in this state.
- (d) Diabetes, which is the sixth leading cause of death in this state.
- (e) Arthritis, which is the leading cause of disability in the United States, limiting daily activities for more than 19 million citizens. In this state, arthritis limits daily activities for an estimated 1.3 million people.
- (8) The department shall establish, promote, and maintain state-level and local-level programs for chronic disease prevention and health promotion to the extent that funds are specifically made available for this purpose.

Section 19. Section 385.1021, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 385.1021 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (1) "CDC" means the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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- (2) "Chronic disease" means an illness that is prolonged, does not resolve spontaneously, and is rarely cured completely.
 - (3) "Department" means the Department of Health.
- (4) "Environmental changes" means changes to the economic, social, or physical natural or built environments which encourage or enable behaviors.
- (5) "Policy change" means altering an informal or formal agreement between public or private sectors which sets forth values, behaviors, or resource allocation in order to improve health.
- (6) "Primary prevention" means an intervention that is directed toward healthy populations and focuses on avoiding disease before it occurs.
- (7) "Risk factor" means a characteristic or condition identified during the course of an epidemiological study of a disease that appears to be statistically associated with a high incidence of that disease.
- (8) "Secondary prevention" means an intervention that is designed to promote the early detection and management of diseases and reduce the risks experienced by at-risk populations.
- (9) "System changes" means altering standard activities, protocols, policies, processes, and structures carried out in population-based settings, such as schools, worksites, health care facilities, faith-based organizations, and the overall community, which promote and support new behaviors.
- (10) "Tertiary prevention" means an intervention that is directed at rehabilitating and minimizing the effects of disease in a chronically ill population.

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- (11) "Tobacco" means, without limitation, tobacco itself and tobacco products that include tobacco and are intended or expected for human use or consumption, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and smokeless tobacco.
- (12) "Wellness program" means a structured program that is designed or approved by the department to offer intervention activities on or off the worksite which help state employees change certain behaviors or adopt healthy lifestyles.
- (13) "Youth" means children and young adults, up through 24 years of age, inclusive.

Section 20. Section 385.1022, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

385.1022 Chronic disease prevention program.—The department shall support public health programs to reduce the incidence of mortality and morbidity from diseases for which risk factors can be identified. Such risk factors include, but are not limited to, being overweight or obese, physical inactivity, poor nutrition and diet, tobacco use, sun exposure, and other practices that are detrimental to health. The programs shall educate and screen the general public as well as groups at particularly high risk of chronic diseases.

Section 21. Section 385.1023, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

385.1023 State-level prevention programs for chronic disease.-

(1) The department shall create state-level programs that address the leading, preventable chronic disease risk factors of poor nutrition and obesity, tobacco use, sun exposure, and

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physical inactivity in order to decrease the incidence of arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, stroke, and other chronic diseases.

- (2) State-level programs shall address, but need not be limited to, the following activities:
- (a) Monitoring specific causal and behavioral risk factors that affect the health of residents in the state.
- (b) Analyzing data regarding chronic disease mortality and morbidity to track changes over time.
- (c) Promoting public awareness and increasing knowledge concerning the causes of chronic diseases, the importance of early detection, diagnosis, and appropriate evidence-based prevention, management, and treatment strategies.
- (d) Disseminating educational materials and information concerning evidence-based results, available services, and pertinent new research findings and prevention strategies to patients, health insurers, health professionals, and the public.
- (e) Using education and training resources and services developed by organizations having appropriate expertise and knowledge of chronic diseases for technical assistance.
- (f) Evaluating the quality and accessibility of existing community-based services for chronic disease.
- (g) Increasing awareness among state and local officials involved in health and human services, health professionals and providers, and policymakers about evidence-based chronic-disease prevention, tobacco cessation, and treatment strategies and their benefits for people who have chronic diseases.
- (h) Developing a partnership with state and local governments, voluntary health organizations, hospitals, health

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insurers, universities, medical centers, employer groups, private companies, and health care providers to address the burden of chronic disease in this state.

- (i) Implementing and coordinating state-level policies in order to reduce the burden of chronic disease.
- (j) Providing lasting improvements in the delivery of health care for individuals who have chronic disease and their families, thus improving their quality of life while also containing health care costs.

Section 22. Section 385.103, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

385.103 Community-level Community intervention programs for chronic disease prevention and health promotion.-

- (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Chronic disease prevention and health promotion control program" means a program that may include, but is not limited to, including a combination of the following elements:
- 1. Staff who are sufficiently trained and skilled in public health, community health, or school health education to facilitate the operation of the program Health screening;
- 2. Community input into the planning, implementation, and evaluation processes Risk factor detection;
- 3. Use of public health data to make decisions and to develop and prioritize community-based interventions focusing on chronic diseases and their risk factors; Appropriate intervention to enable and encourage changes in behaviors that create health risks; and
- 4. Adherence to a population-based approach by using a socioecological model that addresses the influence on individual

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behavior, interpersonal behavior, organizational behavior, the community, and public policy; Counseling in nutrition, physical activity, the effects of tobacco use, hypertension, blood pressure control, and diabetes control and the provision of other clinical prevention services.

- 5. Focus on at least the common preventable risk factors for chronic disease, such as physical inactivity, obesity, poor nutrition, and tobacco use;
- 6. Focus on developing and implementing interventions and activities through communities, schools, worksites, faith-based organizations, and health-care settings;
- 7. Use of evidence-based interventions as well as best and promising practices to guide specific activities and effect change, which may include guidelines developed by organizations, volunteer scientists, and health care professionals who write published medical, scientific statements on various chronic disease topics. The statements shall be supported by scientific studies published in recognized journals that have a rigorous review and approval process. Scientific statements generally include a review of data available on a specific subject and an evaluation of its relationship to overall chronic disease science;
- 8. Use of policy, system, and environmental changes that support healthy behaviors so as to affect large segments of the population and encourage healthy choices;
- 9. Development of extensive and comprehensive evaluation that is linked to program planning at the state level and the community level in order to determine the program's effectiveness or necessary program modifications; and

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- 10. Reduction of duplication of efforts through coordination among appropriate entities for the efficient use of resources.
 - (b) "Community Health education program" means a program that follows involving the planned and coordinated use of the educational standards and teaching methods resources available in a community in an effort to provide:
 - 1. Appropriate medical, research-based interventions to enable and encourage changes in behaviors which reduce or eliminate health risks;
- 2. Counseling in nutrition, weight management, physical inactivity, and tobacco-use prevention and cessation strategies; hypertension, blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes control; and other clinical prevention services;
- 3.1. Motivation and assistance to individuals or groups in adopting and maintaining Motivate and assist citizens to adopt and maintain healthful practices and lifestyles; and
- 4.2. Make available Learning opportunities that which will increase the ability of people to make informed decisions affecting their personal, family, and community well-being and that which are designed to facilitate voluntary adoption of behavior that which will improve or maintain health.+
- 3. Reduce, through coordination among appropriate agencies, duplication of health education efforts; and
- 4. Facilitate collaboration among appropriate agencies for efficient use of scarce resources.
- (c) "Community intervention program" means a program combining the required elements of a chronic disease prevention and health promotion control program and the principles of a

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community health education program that addresses system, policy, and environmental changes that ensure that communities provide support for healthy lifestyles into a unified program over which a single administrative entity has authority and responsibility.

- (d) "Department" means the Department of Health.
- (e) "Risk factor" means a factor identified during the course of an epidemiological study of a disease, which factor appears to be statistically associated with a high incidence of that disease.
- (2) OPERATION OF COMMUNITY-LEVEL COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION.-
- (a) The department shall develop and implement a comprehensive, community-based program for chronic disease prevention and health promotion. The program shall be designed to reduce major behavioral risk factors that are associated with chronic diseases by enhancing the knowledge, skills, motivation, and opportunities for individuals, organizations, health care providers, small businesses, health insurers, and communities to develop and maintain healthy lifestyles. The department shall assist the county health departments in developing and operating community intervention programs throughout the state. At a minimum, the community intervention programs shall address one to three of the following chronic diseases: cancer, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, hypertension, renal disease, and chronic obstructive lung disease.
 - (b) The program shall include:
- 1. Countywide assessments of specific, causal, and behavioral risk factors that affect the health of residents;

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- 2. The development of community-based programs for chronic disease prevention and health promotion which incorporate health promotion and preventive care practices that are supported in scientific and medical literature;
- 3. The development and implementation of statewide agespecific, disease-specific, and community-specific health promotion and preventive care strategies using primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention interventions;
- 4. The promotion of community, research-based healthpromotion model programs that meet specific criteria, address major risk factors, and motivate individuals to permanently adopt healthy behaviors and increase social and personal responsibilities;
- 5. The development of policies that encourage the use of alternative community delivery sites for health promotion, disease prevention, and preventive care programs and promote the use of neighborhood delivery sites that are close to work, home, and school; and
- 6. An emphasis on the importance of healthy and physically active lifestyles to build self-esteem and reduce morbidity and mortality associated with chronic disease and being overweight or obese. Existing community resources, when available, shall be used to support the programs. The department shall seek funding for the programs from federal and state financial assistance programs which presently exist or which may be hereafter created. Additional services, as appropriate, may be incorporated into a program to the extent that resources are available. The department may accept gifts and grants in order to carry out a program.

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(c) Volunteers shall be used to the maximum extent possible in carrying out the programs. The department shall contract for the necessary insurance coverage to protect volunteers from personal liability while acting within the scope of their volunteer assignments under a program.

(d) The department may contract for the provision of all or any portion of the services required by a program, and shall so contract whenever the services so provided are more costefficient than those provided by the department.

(e) If the department determines that it is necessary for clients to help pay for services provided by a program, the department may require clients to make contribution therefor in either money or personal services. The amount of money or value of the personal services shall be fixed according to a fee schedule established by the department or by the entity developing the program. In establishing the fee schedule, the department or the entity developing the program shall take into account the expenses and resources of a client and his or her overall ability to pay for the services.

Section 23. Section 385.105, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

385.105 Physical activity, obesity prevention, nutrition, other health-promotion services, and wellness programs.-

- (1) PHYSICAL ACTIVITY—.
- (a) The department shall develop programs for people at every stage of their lives to increase physical fitness and promote behavior changes.
- (b) The department shall work with school health advisory or wellness committees in each school district as established in



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- (c) The department shall develop public and private partnerships that allow the public to easily access recreational facilities and public land areas that are suitable for physical activity.
- (d) The department shall work in collaboration with the Executive Office of the Governor and Volunteer Florida, Inc., to promote school initiatives, such as the Governor's Fitness Challenge.
- (e) The department shall collaborate with the Department of Education in recognizing nationally accepted best practices for improving physical education in schools.
- (2) OBESITY PREVENTION.—The department shall promote healthy lifestyles to reduce the prevalence of excess weight gain and being overweight or obese through programs that are directed towards all residents of this state by:
- (a) Using all appropriate media to promote maximum public awareness of the latest research on healthy lifestyles and chronic diseases and disseminating relevant information through a statewide clearinghouse relating to wellness, physical activity, and nutrition and the effect of these factors on chronic diseases and disabling conditions.
- (b) Providing technical assistance, training, and resources on healthy lifestyles and chronic diseases to the public, health care providers, school districts, and other persons or entities, including faith-based organizations that request such assistance to promote physical activity, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle programs.
 - (c) Developing, implementing, and using all available

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research methods to collect data, including, but not limited to, population-specific data, and tracking the incidence and effects of weight gain, obesity, and related chronic diseases. The department shall include an evaluation and data-collection component in all programs as appropriate. All research conducted under this paragraph is subject to review and approval as required by the department's institutional review board under s. 381.86.

- (d) Entering into partnerships with the Department of Education, local communities, school districts, and other entities to encourage schools in this state to promote activities during and after school to help students meet a minimum goal of 30 minutes of physical activity or physical fitness per day.
- (e) Entering into partnerships with the Department of Education, school districts, and the Florida Sports Foundation to develop a programs recognizing the schools at which students demonstrate excellent physical fitness or fitness improvement.
- (f) Collaborating with other state agencies to develop policies and strategies for preventing and treating obesity, which shall be incorporated into programs administered by each agency and shall include promoting healthy lifestyles of employees of each agency.
- (g) Advising, in accordance with s. 456.081, health care practitioners about the morbidity, mortality, and costs associated with being overweight or obese, informing such practitioners of promising clinical practices for preventing and treating obesity, and encouraging practitioners to counsel their patients regarding the adoption of healthy lifestyles.

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- (h) Maximizing all local, state, and federal funding sources, including grants, public-private partnerships, and other mechanisms to strengthen the department's programs promoting physical activity and nutrition.
- (3) NUTRITION.—The department shall promote optimal nutritional status in all stages of people's lives by developing strategies to:
- (a) Promote and maintain optimal nutritional status in the population through activities, including, but not limited to:
- 1. Nutrition screening and assessment and nutrition counseling, including nutrition therapy, followup, case management, and referrals for persons who have medical conditions or nutrition-risk factors and who are provided health services through public health programs or through referrals from private health care providers or facilities;
- 2. Nutrition education to assist residents of the state in achieving optimal health and preventing chronic disease; and
- 3. Consultative nutrition services to group facilities which promote the provision of safe and nutritionally adequate diets.
- (b) Monitor and conduct surveillance of the nutritional status of this state's population.
- (c) Conduct or support research or evaluations related to public health nutrition. All research conducted under this paragraph is subject to review and approval as required by the department's institutional review board under s. 381.86.
- (d) Establish policies and standards for public health nutrition practices.
 - (e) Promote interagency cooperation, professional



education, and consultation.

- (f) Provide technical assistance and advise state agencies, private institutions, and local organizations regarding public health nutrition standards.
- (g) Work with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Education, and the Department of Management Services to further the use of fresh produce from this state in schools and encourage the development of community gardens. Nutritional services shall be available to eligible persons in accordance with eligibility criteria adopted by the department. The department shall provide by rule requirements for the service fees, when applicable, which may not exceed the department's actual costs.

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The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

- (4) OTHER HEALTH-PROMOTION SERVICES.—
- (a) The department shall promote personal responsibility by encouraging residents of this state to be informed, follow health recommendations, seek medical consultations and health assessments, take healthy precautions, and comply with medical guidelines, including those that lead to earlier detection of chronic diseases in order to prevent chronic diseases or slow the progression of established chronic diseases.
- (b) The department shall promote regular health visits during a person's lifetime, including annual physical examinations that include measuring body mass index and vital signs, blood work, immunizations, screenings, and dental examinations in order to reduce the financial, social, and personal burden of chronic disease.



(5) WELLNESS PROGRAMS.—

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- (a) Each state agency may conduct employee wellness programs in buildings and lands owned or leased by the state. The department shall serve as a model to develop and implement employee wellness programs that may include physical fitness, healthy nutrition, self-management of disease, education, and behavioral change. The department shall assist other state agencies to develop and implement employee wellness programs. These programs shall use existing resources, facilities, and programs or resources procured through grant funding and donations that are obtained in accordance with state ethics and procurement policies, and shall provide equal access to any such programs, resources, and facilities to all state employees.
- (b) The department shall coordinate its efforts with the Department of Management Services and other state agencies.
- (c) Each agency may establish an employee wellness work group to design the program. The department shall be available to provide policy guidance and assist in identifying effective wellness program strategies.
- (d) The department shall provide by rule requirements for nominal participation fees, when applicable, which may not exceed the department's actual costs; collaborations with businesses; and the procurement of equipment and incentives.

Section 24. Section 385.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

385.202 Statewide cancer registry.-

(1) Each facility, laboratory, or practitioner licensed under chapter 395, chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 464, chapter 483, and each freestanding radiation therapy center as

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defined in s. 408.07, shall report to the department of Health such information, specified by the department, by rule. The department may adopt rules regarding reporting requirements for the cancer registry, which shall include the data required, the timeframe for reporting, and those professionals who are responsible for ensuring compliance with reporting requirements, which indicates diagnosis, stage of disease, medical history, laboratory data, tissue diagnosis, and radiation, surgical, or other methods of diagnosis or treatment for each cancer diagnosed or treated by the facility or center. Failure to comply with this requirement may be cause for registration or licensure suspension or revocation.

- (2) The department shall establish, or cause to have established, by contract with a recognized medical organization in this state and its affiliated institutions, a statewide cancer registry program to ensure that cancer reports required under this section shall be maintained and available for use in the course of public health surveillance and any study for the purpose of reducing morbidity or mortality; and no liability of any kind or character for damages or other relief shall arise or be enforced against any facility or practitioner hospital by reason of having provided such information or material to the department.
- (3) The department may adopt rules regarding the establishment and operation of a statewide cancer registry program.
- (4) The department or a contractual designee operating the statewide cancer registry program required by this section shall use or publish said material only for the purpose of

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public health surveillance and advancing medical research or medical education in the interest of reducing morbidity or mortality, except that a summary of such studies may be released for general publication. Information which discloses or could lead to the disclosure of the identity of any person whose condition or treatment has been reported and studied shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1), except that:

- (a) Release may be made with the written consent of all persons to whom the information applies;
- (b) The department or a contractual designee may contact individuals for the purpose of epidemiologic investigation and monitoring, provided information that is confidential under this section is not further disclosed; or
- (c) The department may exchange personal data with any other governmental agency or a contractual designee for the purpose of public health surveillance and medical or scientific research, if provided such governmental agency or contractual designee does shall not further disclose information that is confidential under this section.
- (5) (4) Funds appropriated for this section shall be used for establishing, administering, compiling, processing, and providing biometric and statistical analyses to the reporting facilities and practitioners. Funds may also be used to ensure the quality and accuracy of the information reported and to provide management information to the reporting facilities and practitioners.
- (6) (5) The department may adopt rules regarding the classifications of, by rule, classify facilities that are

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responsible for making reports to the cancer registry, the content and frequency of the reports, and the penalty for failure to comply with these requirements for purposes of reports made to the cancer registry and specify the content and frequency of the reports. In classifying facilities, the department shall exempt certain facilities from reporting cancer information that was previously reported to the department or retrieved from existing state reports made to the department or the Agency for Health Care Administration. The provisions of This section does shall not apply to any facility whose primary function is to provide psychiatric care to its patients.

(7) Notwithstanding subsection (1), each facility and practitioner that reports cancer cases to the department shall make their records available for onsite review by the department or its authorized representative.

Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 385.203, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

385.203 Diabetes Advisory Council; creation; function; membership.-

- (3) The council shall be composed of 26 $\frac{25}{25}$ citizens of the state who have knowledge of, or work in, the area of diabetes mellitus as follows:
- (a) Five interested citizens, three of whom are affected by diabetes.
- (b) Twenty-one Twenty members, who must include one representative from each of the following areas: nursing with diabetes-educator certification; dietary with diabetes educator certification; podiatry; ophthalmology or optometry; psychology; pharmacy; adult endocrinology; pediatric endocrinology; the

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American Diabetes Association (ADA); the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF); the Florida Academy of Family Physicians; a community health center; a county health department; an American Diabetes Association recognized community education program; each medical school in the state; an osteopathic medical school; the insurance industry; a Children's Medical Services diabetes regional program; and an employer.

(c) One or more representatives from the Department of Health, who shall serve on the council as ex officio members.

Section 26. Section 385.206, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

385.206 Pediatric Hematology-Oncology care Center Program.-

- (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.
- (b) "Hematology" means the study, diagnosis, and treatment of blood and blood-forming tissues.
- (c) "Oncology" means the study, diagnosis, and treatment of malignant neoplasms or cancer.
- (d) "Hemophilia" or "other hemostatic disorder" means a bleeding disorder resulting from a genetic abnormality of mechanisms related to the control of bleeding.
- (e) "Sickle-cell anemia or other hemoglobinopathy" means an hereditary, chronic disease caused by an abnormal type of hemoglobin.
- (f) "Patient" means a person under the age of 21 who is in need of hematologic-oncologic services and who is enrolled in the Children's Medical Services Network declared medically and financially eligible by the department; or a person who received such services prior to age 21 and who requires long-term

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monitoring and evaluation to ascertain the sequelae and the effectiveness of treatment.

- (g) "Center" means a facility designated by the department as having a program specifically designed to provide a full range of medical and specialty services to patients with hematologic and oncologic disorders.
- (2) PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY-ONCOLOGY CARE CENTER PROGRAM; AUTHORITY.-The department may designate is authorized to make grants and reimbursements to designated centers and provide funding to establish and maintain programs for the care of patients with hematologic and oncologic disorders. Program administration costs shall be paid by the department from funds appropriated for this purpose.
 - (3) GRANT FUNDING CONTRACTS GRANT AGREEMENTS; CONDITIONS.-
- (a) Funding provided A grant made under this section shall be pursuant to a contract contractual agreement made between a center and the department. Each contract agreement shall provide that patients will receive services specified types of treatment and care from the center without additional charge to the patients or their parents or guardians. Grants shall be disbursed in accordance with conditions set forth in the disbursement quidelines.
- (4) CRANT DISBURSEMENTS AND SPECIAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR LOCAL PROCRAMS -
- (b) (a) Funding may be provided Grant disbursements may be made to centers that which meet the following criteria:
- 1. The personnel shall include at least one board-certified pediatric hematologist-oncologist, at least one board-certified pediatric surgeon, at least one board-certified radiotherapist,

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and at least one board-certified pathologist.

- 2. As approved by the department, The center shall actively participate in a national children's cancer study group, maintain a pediatric tumor registry, have a multidisciplinary pediatric tumor board, and meet other guidelines for development, including, but not limited to, guidelines from such organizations as the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Pediatric Surgical Association.
- (b) Programs shall also be established to provide care to hematology-oncology patients within each district of the department. The quidelines for local programs shall be formulated by the department. Special disbursements may be made by the program office to centers for educational programs designed for the districts of the department. These programs may include teaching total supportive care of the dying patient and his or her family, home therapy to hemophiliacs and patients with other hemostatic disorders, and screening and counseling for patients with sickle-cell anemia or other hemoglobinopathies.
- (4) PROGRAM AND PEER REVIEW.—The department shall evaluate at least annually during the grant period the services rendered by the centers and the districts of the department. Data from the centers and other sources relating to pediatric cancer shall be reviewed annually by the Florida Association of Pediatric Tumor Programs, Inc.; and a written report with recommendations shall be made to the department. This database will be available to the department for program planning and quality assurance initiatives formulation of its annual program and financial evaluation report. A portion of the funds

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appropriated for this section may be used to provide statewide consultation, supervision, and evaluation of the programs of the centers, as well as central program office support personnel.

Section 27. Paragraph (q) of subsection (2) and subsection (7) of section 385.207, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

385.207 Care and assistance of persons with epilepsy; establishment of programs in epilepsy control.-

- (2) The Department of Health shall:
- (g) Continue current programs and develop cooperative programs and services designed to enhance the vocational rehabilitation of epilepsy clients, including the current jobs programs. The department shall, as part of its contract with a provider of epilepsy services, collect information regarding the number of clients served, the outcomes reached, the expenses incurred, and the fees collected by such providers for the provision of services keep and make this information available to the Governor and the Legislature upon request information regarding the number of clients served, the outcome reached, and the expense incurred by such programs and services.
- (7) The department shall limit total administrative expenditures from the Epilepsy Services Trust Fund to 5 percent of annual receipts.

Section 28. Paragraphs (b), (d), and (g) of subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 385.210, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

385.210 Arthritis prevention and education.

- (2) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.—The Legislature finds the following:
 - (b) Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the



United States, limiting daily activities for more than 19 7million citizens.

- (d) There are enormous economic and social costs associated with treating arthritis and its complications; the economic costs are estimated at over \$128 billion (2003) \$116 billion (1997) annually in the United States.
- (g) The National Arthritis Foundation, the CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials have led the development of a public health strategy, the National Arthritis Action Plan, to respond to this challenge.
 - (5) FUNDING.-

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(b) The State Surgeon General may shall seek any federal waiver or waivers that may be necessary to maximize funds from the Federal Government to implement this program.

Section 29. Section 385.301, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

385.301 Rulemaking authority.—The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 to administer this chapter.

Section 30. Paragraph (1) of subsection (4) of section 400.9905, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.9905 Definitions.-

- (4) "Clinic" means an entity at which health care services are provided to individuals and which tenders charges for reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a portable equipment provider. For purposes of this part, the term does not include and the licensure requirements of this part do not apply to:
 - (1) Orthotic, or prosthetic, pediatric cardiological, or

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perinatological clinical facilities that are a publicly traded corporation or that are wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by a publicly traded corporation. As used in this paragraph, a publicly traded corporation is a corporation that issues securities traded on an exchange registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a national securities exchange.

Section 31. Subsection (9) of section 409.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.—The agency may make payments for medical assistance and related services on behalf of the following persons who are determined to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and any limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

(9) Eligible women with incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and under age 65, for cancer treatment pursuant to the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000, screened through the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program established under s. 385.2021 s. 381.93.

Section 32. The amendment to s. 409.912(17), Florida Statutes, contained in CS/CS/CS/SB 1986, as enacted by the 2009 Regular Session of the Legislature, shall not take effect if that act becomes law.

Section 33. The repeal of s. 429.26(9), Florida Statutes, contained in CS/CS/CS/SB 1986, as enacted by the 2009 Regular

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Session of the Legislature, shall not take effect if that act becomes law.

Section 34. The Pharmacy and Therapeutic Advisory Council.-(1) The Pharmacy and Therapeutic Advisory Council is created within the Executive Office of the Governor to serve in an advisory capacity to the Department of Health and other governmental agencies. The council may not interfere with existing mandated Medicaid services and may not develop or implement new ones. Specifically, the council may not interfere with the work of the Agency for Health Care Administration as it complies with federal and state statutory obligations to develop a preferred drug list, to negotiate rebate agreements for medications included in the preferred drug list, and to protect the confidentiality of rebate agreements. The council may not interfere with the Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee or the Drug Utilization Review Board, which oversee clinical activities within the Bureau of Pharmacy Services if such interference would violate any federal or state statutory obligations.

- (2) The Pharmacy and Therapeutic Advisory Council shall use Medicaid processes within the existing Medicaid structure of the Agency for Health Care Administration as a guide for assisting state agencies in:
- (a) Developing an unbiased clinical perspective on drug evaluations and utilization protocols that are relevant to patient care provided through programs administered by state agencies.
- (b) Developing drug-utilization-review processes that are relevant to the agencies and those receiving care through



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- (c) Building a formulary structure that enforces formulary compliance or adherence within each agency.
- (d) Performing pharmacoeconomic analyses on formulary management so that the state maximizes the cost-effectiveness of its pharmaceutical purchasing.
- (e) Reviewing new and existing therapies using criteria established for efficacy, safety, and quality in order to maximize cost-effective purchasing.
- (f) Reviewing state agency proposals to maximize the costeffectiveness of pharmaceutical purchasing in compliance with s. 381.0203.
- (3) The council shall verify the cost-effectiveness and clinical efficacy of any state contracts under s. 381.0203(1), Florida Statutes, no less than once every 2 years.
- (4) The members of the council and the chair shall be appointed by the Governor to 4-year staggered terms or until their successors are appointed. Members may be appointed to more than one term. The Governor shall fill any vacancies for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (5) The council shall include voting and nonvoting members, and the chair, who is a voting member, must be a pharmacist employed by a state agency.
 - (a) The voting members shall represent:
 - 1. The Agency for Health Care Administration.
 - 2. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities.
 - 3. The Department of Children and Family Services.
 - 4. The Department of Corrections.



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1614	9. The Bureau of Statewide Pharmaceutical Services within
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1617	(b) The nonvoting members shall be:
1618	1. A representative from the Agency for Health Care
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1620	2. The contracting officer for the Department of Health's
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1622	3. A clinical pharmacy program manager from the Agency for
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1624	4. The chair of the Department of Health's Pharmacy and
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1626	5. The general counsel for the Agency for Health Care
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1628	6. The general counsel for a state agency in the executive
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1630	7. A representative from the Executive Office of the
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1632	8. The statewide pharmacy director of the Department of
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1634	(6) Members of the council shall consist of at least one
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Florida Statutes, and at least one registered nurse licensed under chapter 464, Florida Statutes. Each member designated in this subsection must have an active license in his or her profession and may not have been the subject of any agency disciplinary action.

- (7) Members, who must be residents of this state, shall be selected on the basis of specialty, board certification, prior pharmacy and therapeutic experience, experience treating medical assistance recipients, ability to represent a broad base of constituents, and number of years of practice. Members must not have any conflicts of interest due to their service on the council.
- (8) The council may request the participation of additional subject-matter experts to address specific drug, therapeutic, or drug-procurement issues under review by the council.
- (9) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members is necessary to take action.
- (10) The council shall meet quarterly or at the call of the chair.
- (11) The council shall be staffed by the chair's department or agency.
- (12) The council members shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for travel and per diem expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.
- Section 35. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 430.80, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 430.80 Implementation of a teaching nursing home pilot



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- (1) As used in this section, the term "teaching nursing home" means a nursing home facility licensed under chapter 400 which contains a minimum of 275 400 licensed nursing home beds; has access to a resident senior population of sufficient size to support education, training, and research relating to geriatric care; and has a contractual relationship with a federally funded accredited geriatric research center in this state or operates in its own right a geriatric research center.
- (3) To be designated as a teaching nursing home, a nursing home licensee must, at a minimum:
- (a) Provide a comprehensive program of integrated senior services that include institutional services and community-based services;
- (b) Participate in a nationally recognized accreditation program and hold a valid accreditation, such as the accreditation awarded by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, or possess a Gold Seal Award as conferred by the Agency for Health Care Administration on its licensed nursing home;
- (c) Have been in business in this state for a minimum of 10 consecutive years;
- (d) Demonstrate an active program in multidisciplinary education and research that relates to gerontology;
- (e) Have a formalized contractual relationship with at least one accredited health profession education program located in this state;
- (f) Have a formalized contractual relationship with an accredited hospital that is designated by law as a teaching



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(f) (q) Have senior staff members who hold formal faculty appointments at universities, which must include at least one accredited health profession education program; and-

(g) (h) Maintain insurance coverage pursuant to s. 400.141(20) or proof of financial responsibility in a minimum amount of \$750,000. Such proof of financial responsibility may include:

- 1. Maintaining an escrow account consisting of cash or assets eliqible for deposit in accordance with s. 625.52; or
- 2. Obtaining and maintaining pursuant to chapter 675 an unexpired, irrevocable, nontransferable and nonassignable letter of credit issued by any bank or savings association organized and existing under the laws of this state or any bank or savings association organized under the laws of the United States that has its principal place of business in this state or has a branch office which is authorized to receive deposits in this state. The letter of credit shall be used to satisfy the obligation of the facility to the claimant upon presentment of a final judgment indicating liability and awarding damages to be paid by the facility or upon presentment of a settlement agreement signed by all parties to the agreement when such final judgment or settlement is a result of a liability claim against the facility.

Section 36. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (53) of section 499.003, Florida Statutes, to read:

499.003 Definitions of terms used in this part.—As used in this part, the term:

(53) "Wholesale distribution" means distribution of

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prescription drugs to persons other than a consumer or patient, but does not include:

(g) The sale, purchase, trade, or transfer of a prescription drug among agencies and health care entities of the state to complete the dispensing of the prescription drug to a patient under the care of a state agency or health care entity, or to a patient for whom the state is responsible for providing or arranging health care services. The agency or health care entity that received the prescription drug on behalf of the patient is deemed the patient's agent under s. 465.003(6).

Section 37. Subsection (1) of section 651.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

651.105 Examination and inspections.

(1) The office may at any time, and shall at least once every 5 + 3 years, examine the business of any applicant for a certificate of authority and any provider engaged in the execution of care contracts or engaged in the performance of obligations under such contracts, in the same manner as is provided for examination of insurance companies pursuant to s. 624.316. Such examinations shall be made by a representative or examiner designated by the office, whose compensation will be fixed by the office pursuant to s. 624.320. Routine examinations may be made by having the necessary documents submitted to the office; and, for this purpose, financial documents and records conforming to commonly accepted accounting principles and practices, as required under s. 651.026, will be deemed adequate. The final written report of each such examination shall be filed with the office and, when so filed, will constitute a public record. Any provider being examined shall,

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upon request, give reasonable and timely access to all of its records. The representative or examiner designated by the office may at any time examine the records and affairs and inspect the physical property of any provider, whether in connection with a formal examination or not.

Section 38. Effective upon this act becoming a law, paragraphs (d) and (g) of subsection (5) of section 627.6692, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

627.6692 Florida Health Insurance Coverage Continuation Act.-

- (5) CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE UNDER GROUP HEALTH PLANS.-
- (d) 1. A qualified beneficiary must give written notice to the insurance carrier within 63 days after the occurrence of a qualifying event. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, a notice by any qualified beneficiary constitutes notice on behalf of all qualified beneficiaries. The written notice must inform the insurance carrier of the occurrence and type of the qualifying event giving rise to the potential election by a qualified beneficiary of continuation of coverage under the group health plan issued by that insurance carrier, except that in cases where the covered employee has been involuntarily discharged, the nature of such discharge need not be disclosed. The written notice must, at a minimum, identify the employer, the group health plan number, the name and address of all qualified beneficiaries, and such other information required by the insurance carrier under the terms of the group health plan or the commission by rule, to the extent that such information is known by the qualified beneficiary.
 - 2. A special election period shall be provided for

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qualified beneficiaries whose qualifying event was involuntary termination of employment during the period from September 1, 2008, through February 16, 2009, who did not elect continuation coverage when it was first offered, or who did elect continuation coverage but are no longer enrolled. The carrier that issued the small employer's group health plan shall provide notice to individuals eligible for this special continuation coverage election period informing them of this opportunity. The notice must be provided by June 15, 2009.

- a. Individuals have 30 days after notice is provided to elect continuation coverage by written notice to the insurer. The written notice must, at a minimum, identify the employer, the group health plan number, the name and address of all qualified beneficiaries, and such other information required by the insurance carrier under the terms of the group health plan or the commission by rule, to the extent that such information is known by the qualified beneficiary.
- b. Coverage shall be effective with the first period of coverage on or after February 17, 2009.
- c. For individuals electing continuation coverage during this election period, the period between the loss of coverage and beginning of coverage under this election is to be disregarded for purposes of determining the 63-day periods referred to in s. 627.6561(6).
- 3.2. Within 14 days after the receipt of written notice under subparagraphs subparagraph 1. and 2., the insurance carrier shall send each qualified beneficiary by certified mail an election and premium notice form, approved by the office, which form must provide for the qualified beneficiary's election

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or nonelection of continuation of coverage under the group health plan and the applicable premium amount due after the election to continue coverage. This subparagraph does not require separate mailing of notices to qualified beneficiaries residing in the same household, but requires a separate mailing for each separate household.

(g) If an insurance carrier fails to comply with the notice requirements of subparagraph (d) 3.2. and such noncompliance results in the failure of an eligible qualified beneficiary to elect continuation under the group health plan, the qualified beneficiary shall be deemed to have timely elected continuation of coverage within the election period and shall be covered under the group health plan at the expense of the noncomplying insurance carrier. The liability exposure of a noncomplying insurance carrier under this paragraph shall be limited to that period which includes the effective date of coverage pursuant to an affirmative election through the date on which the qualified beneficiary receives actual notice. This paragraph does not apply to the extent that the failure of the insurance carrier to comply with applicable notice requirements was due to noncompliance by the qualified beneficiary with notice requirements applicable to the qualified beneficiary.

Section 39. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (13) of section 627.6699, Florida Statutes, to read:

- 627.6699 Employee Health Care Access Act.-
- (13) STANDARDS TO ASSURE FAIR MARKETING.-
- (1)1. In order to improve the ability of small employers to obtain information including premium rates for small employer health benefit plans and to facilitate the application process,

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all small employer carriers shall use a uniform employee health status form. The commission shall adopt rules specifying such form. The form shall be designed by the Office of Insurance Regulation, in consultation with small employer carriers, to permit its use as a written document and through electronic or other and alternative delivery formats. The form shall include the following health data elements for all persons to be covered under the policy that occurred in the 2 years before the date of completion of the form:

- a. Any treatment or diagnosis by any licensed medical practitioner.
- b. Any procedure or treatment in a hospital, rehabilitation program, or surgical center.
- c. All current medications prescribed by a licensed practitioner.
 - c. Current diagnosis of pregnancy.
 - e. Current use of any tobacco products.
 - f. Pending test results.
 - q. Workers' compensation injury or illness.
 - h. Tests or treatments recommended but not completed.
- 2. The form shall require the signature of the employee completing the form. Use of a standardized form does not prevent a small employer carrier from obtaining information from other sources in order to determine the appropriate premium rate for a small employer.

Section 40. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, and except for this section, which shall take effect upon becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2009.



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Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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An act relating to health care; amending s. 154.503, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; repealing s. 381.0053, F.S., relating to a comprehensive nutrition program; repealing s. 381.0054, F.S., relating to healthy lifestyles promotion; repealing ss. 381.732, 381.733, and 381.734, F.S., relating to the Healthy Communities, Healthy People Act; amending s. 381.006, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health, when conducting an environmental health program inspection of a certified domestic violence center and certain residential child-caring agencies to limit the inspection of the domestic violence center or residential child-caring agency to the requirements set forth in the department's rules applicable to community-based residential facilities with five or fewer residents; requiring the Department of Health to include in its environmental health program the testing of the air in enclosed ice rinks; authorizing the department to adopt rules relating to air quality standards, monitoring, testing, record keeping, the maintenance and operation of equipment that affects air quality, and assessment of fees; authorizing the department to enter and inspect an enclosed ice skating rink at reasonable hours to determine

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compliance with applicable air quality statutes or rules; authorizing the department to assess a fee for a specified purpose; requiring the air quality standards be consistent with federal risk values or exposure guidelines; amending s. 381.0061, F.S.; providing that the department may impose a fine, which may not exceed a specified amount for a violation of the ice rink air quality standards; amending s. 381.0072, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health, when conducting a food service inspection of a certified domestic violence center to limit the inspection of the domestic violence center to the requirements set forth in the department's rules applicable to community-based residential facilities with five or fewer residents; amending s. 381.0203, F.S.; requiring certain state agencies to purchase drugs through the statewide purchasing contract administered by the Department of Health; providing an exception; requiring the department to establish and maintain certain pharmacy services program; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 381.84, F.S., relating to the Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Program; revising definitions; revising program components; requiring program components to include efforts to educate youth and their parents about tobacco use; requiring a youth-directed focus in each program component; requiring the Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Advisory Council to adhere to state ethics laws;

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providing that meetings of the council are subject to public-records and public-meetings requirements; revising the duties of the council; deleting a provision that prohibits a member of the council from participating in a discussion or decision with respect to a research proposal by a firm, entity, or agency with which the member is associated as a member of the governing body or as an employee or with which the member has entered into a contractual arrangement; revising the submission date of an annual report; deleting an expired provision relating to rulemaking authority of the department; transferring and renumbering s. 381.91, F.S., relating to the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 381.911, F.S., relating to the Prostate Cancer Awareness Program; revising the criteria for members of the prostate cancer advisory committee; repealing s. 381.912, F.S., relating to the Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force; transferring and renumbering s. 381.92, F.S., relating to the Florida Cancer Council; transferring and renumbering s. 381.921, F.S., relating to the mission and duties of the Florida Cancer Council; amending s. 381.922, F.S.; conforming cross-references; transferring and renumbering s. 381.93, F.S., relating to a breast and cervical cancer early detection program; transferring and renumbering s. 381.931, F.S., relating to an annual report on Medicaid expenditures; renaming ch. 385, F.S., as the "Healthy and Fit Florida Act";

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amending s. 385.101, F.S.; renaming the "Chronic Diseases Act" as the "Healthy and Fit Florida Act"; amending s. 385.102, F.S.; revising legislative intent; creating s. 385.1021, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s. 385.1022, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to support public health programs to reduce the incidence of mortality and morbidity from chronic diseases; creating s. 385.1023, F.S.; requiring the department to create state-level programs that address the risk factors of certain chronic diseases; providing required activities of the state-level programs; amending s. 385.103, F.S.; providing for community-level programs for the prevention of chronic diseases; revising definitions; requiring the department to develop and implement a community-based chronic disease prevention and health promotion program; providing the purpose of the program; providing requirements for the program; creating s. 385.105, F.S.; requiring the department to develop programs to increase physical fitness, to work with school districts, to develop partnerships that allow the public to access recreational facilities and public land areas suitable for physical activity, to work with the Executive Office of the Governor and Volunteer Florida, Inc., to promote school initiatives, and to collaborate with the Department of Education in recognizing nationally accepted best practices for improving physical education in schools; requiring the Department of Health to promote healthy

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lifestyles to reduce obesity; requiring the department to promote optimal nutritional status in all stages of people's lives, personal responsibility to prevent chronic disease or slow its progression, and regular health visits during a person's life span; authorizing state agencies to conduct employee wellness programs; requiring the department to serve as a model to develop and implement employee wellness programs; requiring the department to assist state agencies to develop the employee wellness programs; providing equal access to the programs by agency employees; requiring the department to coordinate efforts with the Department of Management Services and other state agencies; authorizing each state agency to establish an employee wellness work group to design the wellness program; requiring the department to provide requirements for participation fees, collaborations with businesses, and procurement of equipment and incentives; amending s. 385.202, F.S.; requiring facilities, laboratories, and practitioners to report information; authorizing the department to adopt rules regarding reporting requirements for the cancer registry; providing immunity from liability for facilities and practitioners reporting certain information; requiring the department to adopt rules regarding the establishment and operation of a statewide cancer registry program; requiring the department or contractual designee operating the statewide cancer registry program to use or publish

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material only for the purpose of public health surveillance and advancing medical research or medical education in the interest of reducing morbidity or mortality; authorizing the department to exchange personal data with any agency or contractual designee for the purpose of public health surveillance and medical or scientific research under certain circumstances; clarifying that the department may adopt rules regarding the classifications of facilities related to reports made to the cancer registry; requiring each facility and practitioner that reports cancer cases to the department to make their records available for onsite review; amending s. 385.203, F.S.; increasing the size of the Diabetes Advisory Council to include one representative of the Florida Academy of Family Physicians; amending s. 385.206, F.S.; renaming the "hematology-oncology care center program" as the "Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Center Program"; revising definitions; authorizing the department to designate centers and provide funding to maintain programs for the care of patients with hematologic and oncologic disorders; clarifying provisions related to grant-funding agreements and grant disbursements; revising the department's requirement to evaluate services rendered by the centers; requiring data from the centers and other sources relating to pediatric cancer to be available to the department for program planning and quality assurance initiatives; amending s. 385.207, F.S.;

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clarifying provisions that require the department to collect information regarding the number of clients served, the outcomes reached, the expense incurred, and fees collected by providers of epilepsy services; deleting the provision that requires the department to limit administrative expenses from the Epilepsy Services Trust Fund to a certain percentage of annual receipts; amending s. 385.210, F.S.; revising legislative findings regarding the economic costs of treating arthritis and its complications; authorizing the State Surgeon General to seek any federal waivers that may be necessary to maximize funds from the Federal Government to implement the Arthritis Prevention and Education Program; creating s. 385.301, F.S.; authorizing the department to adopt rules to administer the act; amending s. 400.9905, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "clinic" as it relates to the Health Care Clinic Act; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; abrogating an amendment to s. 409.912(17), F.S., relating to a requirement that entities providing services under the Medicaid program maintain certain surplus funds; abrogating the repeal of 429.26(9), F.S., relating to assisted living facility resident examinations and evaluations in certain circumstances; creating the Pharmacy and Therapeutic Advisory Council within the Executive Office of the Governor; providing duties of the council; providing for the appointment and qualification of members; providing for the use of

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subject-matter experts when necessary; providing requirements for voting and a quorum; providing for quarterly meetings of the council; providing for staffing; providing for reimbursement of per diem and travel expenses for members of the council; amending s. 430.80, F.S.; redefining the term "teaching nursing home" as it relates to the implementation of a teaching nursing home pilot project; revising the requirements to be designated as a teaching nursing home; amending s. 499.003, F.S.; excluding from the definition of "wholesale distribution" certain activities of state agencies; amending s. 651.105, F.S.; revising the time period in which the Office of Insurance Regulation is required to examine the business of an applicant for a certificate of authority and a provider engaged in the execution of continuing care contracts; amending s. 627.6692, F.S.; providing for a special election period for continuation of coverage under group health plans for certain qualified beneficiaries; providing carrier notification requirements; providing for effectiveness of such coverage; providing for disregarding certain periods for which coverage is not provided; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; requiring small employer carriers to use a uniform employee health status form; requiring the Financial Service Commission to adopt rules; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to design the form in consultation with small employer carriers; providing form delivery formats; specifying



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