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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to health care; amending s. 381.84, F.S.; deleting provisions limiting certain activities of the Florida Area Health Education Network and the Department of Health to specified fiscal years; increasing the amount of a contract or grant required to be awarded to the AHEC network by the department for the purpose of developing a smoking-cessation initiative; deleting a provision authorizing the AHEC network to apply for a competitive grant after a specified date; amending s. 381.922, F.S.; decreasing the amount of annual appropriations to the Biomedical Research Trust Fund within the Department of Health beginning with the 2009-2010 fiscal year; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (3) and subsection (6) of section 381.84, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

381.84 Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Use
Prevention Program.-

(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,

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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:

(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.

37 (6) CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.-Contracts or grants for the 38 program components or subcomponents described in paragraphs 39 (3) (a)-(f) shall be awarded by the State Surgeon General, after consultation with the council, on the basis of merit, as 40 determined by an open, competitive, peer-reviewed process that 41 42 ensures objectivity, consistency, and high quality. The 43 department shall award such grants or contracts no later than 44 October 1 for each fiscal year. A recipient of a contract or grant for the program component described in paragraph (3)(c) is 45 46 not eligible for a contract or grant award for any other program 47 component described in subsection (3) in the same state fiscal 48 year. A school or college of medicine that is represented on the 49 council is not eligible to receive a contract or grant under 50 this section. For the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 fiscal years only, 51 The department shall award a contract or grant in the amount of 52 \$11 million \$10 million to the AHEC network for the purpose of 53 developing the components described in paragraph (3)(i). The 54 AHEC network may apply for a competitive contract or grant after 55 the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

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Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 381.922, Florida

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57 Statutes, as amended by chapter 2009-5, Laws of Florida, is 58 amended to read:

381.922 William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David ColeyCancer Research Program.-

(5) For the 2009-2010 2008-2009 fiscal year and each fiscal 61 year thereafter, the sum of \$5 million $\frac{6.75 \text{ million}}{5.75 \text{ million}}$ is 62 appropriated annually from recurring funds in the General 63 Revenue Fund to the Biomedical Research Trust Fund within the 64 Department of Health for purposes of the William G. "Bill" 65 66 Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program and shall 67 be distributed pursuant to this section to provide grants to 68 researchers seeking cures for cancer, with emphasis given to the goals enumerated in s. 381.921. From the total funds 69 70 appropriated, an amount of up to 10 percent may be used for 71 administrative expenses.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.