

By the Committee on Health Regulation; and Senator Peaden

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 (c) Provide referral services for persons seeking
43 treatment.

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

45 (a) Establishment of a public education and outreach
46 initiative to publicize breast cancer early detection services,
47 the benefits of early detection of breast cancer, and the
48 recommended frequency for receiving screening services,
49 including clinical breast examinations and mammography
50 guidelines established by the United States Preventive Services
51 Task Force.

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

58 (c) Establishment of a system to track and monitor all

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59 women screened for breast cancer in the program. The system
60 shall include, but not be limited to, monitoring abnormal
61 screening tests, referring women for treatment when needed, and
62 tracking women to be screened at recommended screening
63 intervals.

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

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