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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Regulation (Sobel) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 381.911, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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 University of Florida Prostate Disease Center ~~Department of Health~~. The purpose of this program is to diligently work toward implementing ~~implement~~ the



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13 recommendations from ~~of~~ January 2000 of the Florida Prostate
14 Cancer Task Force to provide for statewide outreach to promote
15 prostate cancer awareness, to communicate the advantages of
16 early detection, to report recent progress in prostate cancer
17 research and the availability of clinical trials, to minimize
18 health disparities through outreach, education, and screening
19 events, to communicate best-practice principles to physicians
20 involved in the care of prostate cancer patients, and to
21 establish a communication platform for patients and their
22 advocates and health education activities to ensure that men are
23 aware of and appropriately seek medical counseling for prostate
24 cancer as an early-detection health care measure.

25 (2) For purposes of implementing the program, the
26 University of Florida Prostate Disease Center (UFPDC) may work
27 with other organizations and institutions to create a systemic
28 focus on increasing community education and awareness about
29 prostate cancer by Department of Health and the Florida Public
30 Health Institute, Inc., may:

31 (a) Conducting ~~Conduct~~ activities directly or entering
32 enter into contracts ~~a contract~~ with a qualified nonprofit
33 community education entities ~~entity~~.

34 (b) Seeking ~~Seek~~ any available gifts, grants, or funds from
35 the state, the Federal Government, philanthropic foundations,
36 and industry or business groups.

37 (3) The University of Florida Prostate Disease Center shall
38 collaborate with the Department of Health to establish the UFPDC
39 Prostate Cancer Task Force and to lead the task force in
40 developing and implementing strategies to improve early
41 detection and, consequently, reduce the number of patients



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42 succumbing to prostate cancer. A Prostate Cancer Advisory
43 committee is created to advise and assist the Department of
44 Health and the Florida Public Health Institute, Inc., in
45 implementing the program.

46 (a) The State Surgeon General, upon recommendation of the
47 executive director of the University of Florida Prostate Disease
48 Center in consultation with the Comprehensive Cancer Control
49 Program within the Department of Health and the Florida Cancer
50 Control Program, shall appoint geographically and
51 institutionally diverse task force the advisory committee
52 members, who shall consist of:

53 1. Three persons from prostate cancer survivor groups or
54 cancer-related advocacy groups.

55 1.2. One person Three persons who is a scientist are
56 scientists or clinician clinicians from a community practice who
57 is a known expert in prostate cancer care, research, or
58 education public universities or research organizations.

59 2.3. One person Three persons who is are engaged in the
60 practice of a cancer-related medical specialty from a health
61 organization organizations committed to cancer research and
62 control.

63 3. The executive director for the University of Florida
64 Prostate Disease Center or his or her designee.

65 4. One person, appointed by the Governor, who is a consumer
66 advocate and has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

67 5. One person, appointed by the Governor, who is a
68 scientist or clinician from an instate university.

69 6. One person, appointed by the President of the Senate,
70 who is engaged in the practice of a cancer-related medical



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71 specialty from a health organization committed to cancer
72 research and control.

73 7. One person from the public, appointed by the President
74 of the Senate, who is a consumer advocate and has been diagnosed
75 with prostate cancer.

76 8. One person, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
77 Representatives, who is a scientist or clinician from a
78 community practice and is a known expert in prostate cancer
79 care, research, or education.

80 9. One person from the public, appointed by the Speaker of
81 the House of Representatives, who is a consumer advocate and has
82 been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

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84 At least one appointee by the Governor, at least one appointee
85 by the President of the Senate, and at least one appointee by
86 the Speaker of the House of Representatives must be a member of
87 an ethnic or racial minority group.

88 (b) Members shall serve without compensation but are
89 entitled to reimbursement, pursuant to s. 112.061, for per diem
90 and travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
91 official duties.

92 (c) Each member of the task force shall be appointed to a
93 4-year term; however, for the purpose of providing staggered
94 terms, of the initial appointments, four members shall be
95 appointed to 2-year terms and four members shall be appointed to
96 4-year terms with the remaining seat being filled by the UFPDC
97 executive director or his or her designee.

98 (d) At the first meeting of the task force each year, the
99 members shall elect a chair and a vice chair. A vacancy in the



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100 office of chair or vice chair shall be filled by vote of the
101 remaining members. The task force shall meet biannually and at
102 other times at the call of the UFPDC executive director or a
103 majority of the task force members. Five of the members of the
104 task force constitute a quorum, and an affirmative vote of a
105 majority of the members present is required for final action.

106 (e) The UFPDC Prostate Cancer Task Force shall:

107 1. Present policy recommendations related to prostate
108 cancer to the Department of Health and other appropriate
109 governmental entities.

110 2. Verify the accuracy of prostate cancer information
111 disseminated to the public.

112 3. Develop effective communication channels among all
113 private and public entities across the state which are involved
114 in prostate cancer education, research, treatment, and patient
115 advocacy.

116 4. Plan, develop, and implement activities designed to
117 heighten awareness and educate residents of this state,
118 especially those residents in underserved areas, regarding the
119 importance of early detection and effective treatment options
120 for prostate cancer.

121 5. Develop effective communication channels to various
122 stakeholders within and across the state.

123 6. Disseminate information on recent progress in prostate
124 cancer research and the availability of clinical trials.

125 7. Minimize health disparities through outreach, education,
126 and early detection initiatives.

127 8. Communicate best-practice principles to physicians
128 involved in the care of patients suffering from prostate cancer.



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129 9. Establish a communication platform for patients and
130 their advocates.

131 10. Conduct an annual prostate cancer symposium that brings
132 physicians, researchers, community leaders, prostate cancer
133 survivors, and prostate cancer advocates together to highlight
134 recent advances in prostate cancer research, clinical trials,
135 and best practices in the prevention of the disease, and to
136 promote strategies for successful rural and urban outreach,
137 community education, and increased awareness.

138 11. Submit and present an annual report to the Governor,
139 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
140 Representatives, and the State Surgeon General by January 15,
141 2011, and by January 15 each following year, which contains
142 recommendations for legislative changes necessary to decrease
143 the incidence of prostate cancer, decrease the racial and ethnic
144 disparities, and promote increased community education and
145 awareness.

146 ~~(4) The program shall coordinate its efforts with those of~~
147 ~~the Florida Public Health Institute, Inc.~~

148 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

150 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

151 And the title is amended as follows:

152 Delete everything before the enacting clause
153 and insert:

154 A bill to be entitled
155 An act relating to the Prostate Cancer Awareness
156 Program; amending s. 381.911, F.S.; revising the
157 purpose, structure, and objectives of the Prostate



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158 Cancer Awareness Program within the University of
159 Florida Prostate Disease Center; authorizing the
160 University of Florida Prostate Disease Center to work
161 with other organizations and institutions to create a
162 systemic focus on increasing community education and
163 awareness of prostate cancer; requiring the University
164 of Florida Prostate Disease Center to collaborate with
165 the Department of Health to establish the UFPDC
166 Prostate Cancer Task Force, which was formerly
167 designated as a "committee"; requiring the State
168 Surgeon General, upon recommendation of the executive
169 director of the University of Florida Prostate Disease
170 Center in consultation with the Comprehensive Cancer
171 Control Program within the Department of Health and
172 the Florida Cancer Control Program, to appoint members
173 to the UFPDC Prostate Cancer Task Force; providing for
174 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses;
175 providing for terms of office; providing for the
176 appointment of a chair and co-chair; providing for
177 meetings; providing for a quorum of the task force;
178 providing the duties of the task force, including an
179 annual prostate cancer symposium and submission of an
180 annual report to the Governor, the State Surgeon
181 General, and the Legislature; providing an effective
182 date.

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184 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that prostate cancer is
185 a major public health problem and that promoting awareness of
186 this disease is in the public interest of this state, and



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187 WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health's Florida
188 Cancer Plan 2003-2006, prostate cancer was the most commonly
189 diagnosed cancer in Florida, accounting for one in every four
190 cancer diagnoses, and

191 WHEREAS, the costs of screening, staging, and treating
192 prostate cancer patients in both dollars and morbidity continue
193 to rise, which threatens the foundation of this state's health
194 system, and

195 WHEREAS, because African-American men are 2.8 times more
196 likely to succumb to prostate cancer than their white
197 counterparts, a call for action is mandatory, and

198 WHEREAS, there are currently no organized, active, or
199 effective mechanisms in Florida to mitigate the incidence of
200 prostate cancer, the lack of community education and awareness,
201 the racial and ethnic disparities, and rising burdens of
202 prostate cancer, and

203 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is a public
204 necessity to work with the University of Florida Prostate
205 Disease Center to establish the UFPDC Prostate Cancer Task Force
206 and to make changes to the Prostate Cancer Awareness Program in
207 order to more effectively serve the needs of the people in
208 Florida, NOW, THEREFORE,