

By the Committee on Health Regulation; and Senators Hill, Smith, Siplin, and Fasano

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Prostate Cancer Awareness  
3           Program; amending s. 381.911, F.S.; revising the  
4           purpose, structure, and objectives of the Prostate  
5           Cancer Awareness Program within the University of  
6           Florida Prostate Disease Center; authorizing the  
7           University of Florida Prostate Disease Center to work  
8           with other organizations and institutions to create a  
9           systemic focus on increasing community education and  
10          awareness of prostate cancer; requiring the University  
11          of Florida Prostate Disease Center to collaborate with  
12          the Department of Health to establish the UFPDC  
13          Prostate Cancer Task Force, which was formerly  
14          designated as a "committee"; requiring the State  
15          Surgeon General, upon recommendation of the executive  
16          director of the University of Florida Prostate Disease  
17          Center in consultation with the Comprehensive Cancer  
18          Control Program within the Department of Health and  
19          the Florida Cancer Control Program, to appoint members  
20          to the UFPDC Prostate Cancer Task Force; providing for  
21          reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses;  
22          providing for terms of office; providing for the  
23          appointment of a chair and co-chair; providing for  
24          meetings; providing for a quorum of the task force;  
25          providing the duties of the task force, including an  
26          annual prostate cancer symposium and submission of an  
27          annual report to the Governor, the State Surgeon  
28          General, and the Legislature; providing an effective  
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WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that prostate cancer is a major public health problem and that promoting awareness of this disease is in the public interest of this state, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

61 381.911 Prostate Cancer Awareness Program.—

62 (1) To the extent that funds are specifically made  
63 available for this purpose, the Prostate Cancer Awareness  
64 Program is established within the University of Florida Prostate  
65 Disease Center ~~Department of Health~~. The purpose of this program  
66 is to diligently work toward implementing ~~implement~~ the  
67 recommendations from ~~of~~ January 2000 of the Florida Prostate  
68 Cancer Task Force to provide for statewide outreach to promote  
69 prostate cancer awareness, to communicate the advantages of  
70 early detection, to report recent progress in prostate cancer  
71 research and the availability of clinical trials, to minimize  
72 health disparities through outreach, education, and screening  
73 events, to communicate best-practice principles to physicians  
74 involved in the care of prostate cancer patients, and to  
75 establish a communication platform for patients and their  
76 advocates ~~and health education activities to ensure that men are~~  
77 ~~aware of and appropriately seek medical counseling for prostate~~  
78 ~~cancer as an early-detection health care measure.~~

79 (2) For purposes of implementing the program, the  
80 University of Florida Prostate Disease Center (UFPDC) may work  
81 with other organizations and institutions to create a systemic  
82 focus on increasing community education and awareness about  
83 prostate cancer by ~~Department of Health and the Florida Public~~  
84 ~~Health Institute, Inc., may:~~

85 (a) Conducting ~~Conduct~~ activities directly or entering  
86 ~~enter~~ into contracts ~~a contract~~ with a qualified nonprofit  
87 community education entities ~~entity~~.

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

91           (3) The University of Florida Prostate Disease Center shall  
92 collaborate with the Department of Health to establish the UFPDC  
93 Prostate Cancer Task Force and to lead the task force in  
94 developing and implementing strategies to improve early  
95 detection and, consequently, reduce the number of patients  
96 succumbing to prostate cancer. ~~A Prostate Cancer Advisory~~  
97 ~~committee is created to advise and assist the Department of~~  
98 ~~Health and the Florida Public Health Institute, Inc., in~~  
99 ~~implementing the program.~~

100           (a) The State Surgeon General, upon recommendation of the  
101 executive director of the University of Florida Prostate Disease  
102 Center in consultation with the Comprehensive Cancer Control  
103 Program within the Department of Health and the Florida Cancer  
104 Control Program, shall appoint geographically and  
105 institutionally diverse task force ~~the advisory committee~~  
106 members, who shall consist of:

107           ~~1. Three persons from prostate cancer survivor groups or~~  
108 ~~cancer-related advocacy groups.~~

109           ~~1.2. One person~~ Three persons who is a scientist ~~are~~  
110 ~~scientists~~ or clinician ~~elinicians~~ from a community practice who  
111 is a known expert in prostate cancer care, research, or  
112 education ~~public universities or research organizations.~~

113           ~~2.3. One person~~ Three persons who is ~~are~~ engaged in the  
114 practice of a cancer-related medical specialty from a health  
115 organization ~~organizations~~ committed to cancer research and  
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117 3. The executive director for the University of Florida  
118 Prostate Disease Center or his or her designee.

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

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

123 6. One person, appointed by the President of the Senate,  
124 who is engaged in the practice of a cancer-related medical  
125 specialty from a health organization committed to cancer  
126 research and control.

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

130 8. One person, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
131 Representatives, who is a scientist or clinician from a  
132 community practice and is a known expert in prostate cancer  
133 care, research, or education.

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

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138 At least one appointee by the Governor, at least one appointee  
139 by the President of the Senate, and at least one appointee by  
140 the Speaker of the House of Representatives must be a member of  
141 an ethnic or racial minority group.

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

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146       (c) Each member of the task force shall be appointed to a  
147 4-year term; however, for the purpose of providing staggered  
148 terms, of the initial appointments, four members shall be  
149 appointed to 2-year terms and four members shall be appointed to  
150 4-year terms with the remaining seat being filled by the UFPDC  
151 executive director or his or her designee.

152       (d) At the first meeting of the task force each year, the  
153 members shall elect a chair and a vice chair. A vacancy in the  
154 office of chair or vice chair shall be filled by vote of the  
155 remaining members. The task force shall meet biannually and at  
156 other times at the call of the UFPDC executive director or a  
157 majority of the task force members. Five of the members of the  
158 task force constitute a quorum, and an affirmative vote of a  
159 majority of the members present is required for final action.

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

161       1. Present policy recommendations related to prostate  
162 cancer to the Department of Health and other appropriate  
163 governmental entities.

164       2. Verify the accuracy of prostate cancer information  
165 disseminated to the public.

166       3. Develop effective communication channels among all  
167 private and public entities across the state which are involved  
168 in prostate cancer education, research, treatment, and patient  
169 advocacy.

170       4. Plan, develop, and implement activities designed to  
171 heighten awareness and educate residents of this state,  
172 especially those residents in underserved areas, regarding the  
173 importance of early detection and effective treatment options  
174 for prostate cancer.

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175 5. Develop effective communication channels to various  
176 stakeholders within and across the state.

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

179 7. Minimize health disparities through outreach, education,  
180 and early detection initiatives.

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

183 9. Establish a communication platform for patients and  
184 their advocates.

185 10. Conduct an annual prostate cancer symposium that brings  
186 physicians, researchers, community leaders, prostate cancer  
187 survivors, and prostate cancer advocates together to highlight  
188 recent advances in prostate cancer research, clinical trials,  
189 and best practices in the prevention of the disease, and to  
190 promote strategies for successful rural and urban outreach,  
191 community education, and increased awareness.

192 11. Submit and present an annual report to the Governor,  
193 the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
194 Representatives, and the State Surgeon General by January 15,  
195 2011, and by January 15 each following year, which contains  
196 recommendations for legislative changes necessary to decrease  
197 the incidence of prostate cancer, decrease the racial and ethnic  
198 disparities, and promote increased community education and  
199 awareness.

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

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