

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to biomedical research; repealing s.
 3 381.0404, F.S., relating to the Center for Health
 4 Technologies; repealing s. 381.85, F.S., relating to the
 5 Florida Biomedical and Social Research Act; amending s.
 6 381.855, F.S., relating to the Florida Center for
 7 Universal Research to Eradicate Disease; revising advisory
 8 council membership to conform to changes made by the act;
 9 repealing s. 381.912, F.S., relating to the Cervical
 10 Cancer Elimination Task Force; repealing s. 381.92, F.S.,
 11 relating to the Florida Cancer Council; transferring and
 12 amending s. 381.921, F.S., relating to Florida Cancer
 13 Council mission and duties to conform to changes made by
 14 the act; amending s. 381.922, F.S., relating to the
 15 William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer
 16 Research Program, to conform to changes made by the act;
 17 providing an effective date.

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

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 21 Section 1. Section 381.0404, Florida Statutes, is
 22 repealed.
 23 Section 2. Section 381.85, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
 24 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
 25 381.855, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 26 381.855 Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate
 27 Disease.—
 28 (5) There is established within the center an advisory

29 council that shall meet at least annually.

30 (a) The council shall consist of one representative from a
 31 Florida not-for-profit institution engaged in basic and clinical
 32 biomedical research and education which receives more than \$10
 33 million in annual grant funding from the National Institutes of
 34 Health, to be appointed by the State Surgeon General from a
 35 different institution each term, and one representative from and
 36 appointed by each of the following entities:

- 37 1. Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- 38 2. BioFlorida.
- 39 3. The Biomedical Research Advisory Council.
- 40 4. The Florida Medical Foundation.
- 41 5. Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.
- 42 ~~6. The Florida Cancer Council.~~
- 43 6.7. The American Cancer Society, Florida Division, Inc.
- 44 ~~7.8.~~ The American Heart Association.
- 45 ~~8.9.~~ The American Lung Association of Florida.
- 46 ~~9.10.~~ The American Diabetes Association, South Coastal
 47 Region.
- 48 10.11. The Alzheimer's Association.
- 49 ~~11.12.~~ The Epilepsy Foundation.
- 50 ~~12.13.~~ The National Parkinson Foundation.
- 51 ~~13.14.~~ The Florida Public Health Institute, Inc.
- 52 ~~14.15.~~ The Florida Research Consortium.
- 53 Section 4. Section 381.912, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- 54 Section 5. Section 381.92, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- 55 Section 6. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 381.922,
 56 Florida Statutes, are amended, and section 381.921, Florida

57 Statutes is transferred to subsection (2) of that section and
 58 amended, to read:

59 381.922 William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley
 60 Cancer Research Program.—

61 (2) The program shall provide grants for cancer research
 62 to further the search for cures for cancer.

63 (a) Emphasis shall be given to the following goals
 64 ~~enumerated in s. 381.921~~, as those goals support the advancement
 65 of such cures:—

66 ~~381.921 Florida Cancer Council mission and duties. The~~
 67 ~~council, which shall work in concert with the Florida Center for~~
 68 ~~Universal Research to Eradicate Disease to ensure that the goals~~
 69 ~~of the center are advanced, shall endeavor to dramatically~~
 70 ~~improve cancer research and treatment in this state through:~~

71 1.(1) Efforts to significantly expand cancer research
 72 capacity in the state by:

73 a.(a) Identifying ways to attract new research talent and
 74 attendant national grant-producing researchers to cancer
 75 research facilities in this state;

76 b.(b) Implementing a peer-reviewed, competitive process to
 77 identify and fund the best proposals to expand cancer research
 78 institutes in this state;

79 c.(c) Funding through available resources for those
 80 proposals that demonstrate the greatest opportunity to attract
 81 federal research grants and private financial support;

82 d.(d) Encouraging the employment of bioinformatics in
 83 order to create a cancer informatics infrastructure that
 84 enhances information and resource exchange and integration

85 through researchers working in diverse disciplines, to
86 facilitate the full spectrum of cancer investigations;

87 e.~~(e)~~ Facilitating the technical coordination, business
88 development, and support of intellectual property as it relates
89 to the advancement of cancer research; and

90 f.~~(f)~~ Aiding in other multidisciplinary research-support
91 activities as they inure to the advancement of cancer research.

92 2.~~(2)~~ Efforts to improve both research and treatment
93 through greater participation in clinical trials networks by:

94 a.~~(a)~~ Identifying ways to increase adult enrollment in
95 cancer clinical trials;

96 b.~~(b)~~ Supporting public and private professional education
97 programs designed to increase the awareness and knowledge about
98 cancer clinical trials;

99 c.~~(c)~~ Providing tools to cancer patients and community-
100 based oncologists to aid in the identification of cancer
101 clinical trials available in the state; and

102 d.~~(d)~~ Creating opportunities for the state's academic
103 cancer centers to collaborate with community-based oncologists
104 in cancer clinical trials networks.

105 3.~~(3)~~ Efforts to reduce the impact of cancer on disparate
106 groups by:

107 a.~~(a)~~ Identifying those cancers that disproportionately
108 impact certain demographic groups; and

109 b.~~(b)~~ Building collaborations designed to reduce health
110 disparities as they relate to cancer.

111 (b) Preference may be given to grant proposals that foster
112 collaborations among institutions, researchers, and community

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113 practitioners, as such proposals support the advancement of
114 cures through basic or applied research, including clinical
115 trials involving cancer patients and related networks.

116 (5) Funds appropriated for the William G. "Bill" Bankhead,
117 Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program shall be
118 distributed pursuant to this section to provide grants to
119 researchers seeking cures for cancer and cancer-related
120 illnesses, with emphasis given to the goals enumerated in this
121 section ~~s. 381.921~~. From the total funds appropriated, an amount
122 of up to 10 percent may be used for administrative expenses. In
123 the 2009-2010 fiscal year, 2.5 percent, not to exceed \$25
124 million, of the revenue deposited into the Health Care Trust
125 Fund pursuant to s. 215.5602(12)(a) shall be transferred to the
126 Biomedical Research Trust Fund within the Department of Health
127 for the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer
128 Research Program.

129 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.