

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to women's health; creating s. 381.9315,
3 F.S.; creating the "Kelly Smith Gynecologic and Ovarian
4 Cancer Education and Awareness Act"; requiring the
5 Department of Health to disseminate and display
6 information about gynecologic cancers; requiring the
7 department to encourage women to discuss risks of
8 gynecologic cancers with their health care providers;
9 requiring the State Surgeon General to post a link to
10 gynecologic cancer information on the Centers for Disease
11 Control and Prevention's Internet website; encouraging the
12 department to seek any available funds to promote
13 gynecologic cancer awareness; encouraging the department
14 to collaborate with other entities to create a systematic
15 approach to increasing public awareness regarding
16 gynecologic cancers; amending s. 1004.435, F.S.;
17 increasing the membership of the Florida Cancer Control
18 and Research Advisory Council; providing an effective
19 date.

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21 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State of Florida to
22 reduce the number of women dying prematurely from cancer and
23 other deadly diseases through education, research, better health
24 care, and other means, and

25 WHEREAS, a coordinated education and awareness program
26 developed by the department is needed to reduce the number of
27 women in the state who die from gynecologic cancers, and

28 WHEREAS, each year in Florida more than 4,500 women are

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29 diagnosed with and 1,700 women die from gynecologic cancers, and
 30 WHEREAS, ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any other
 31 gynecologic cancer and ranks fourth as a cause of cancer deaths
 32 among women in the state, and

33 WHEREAS, when ovarian cancer is found and treated in its
 34 earliest stages, the 5-year survival rate is 95 percent, and

35 WHEREAS, most women who suffer from ovarian cancer are not
 36 diagnosed until the later stages when the disease has spread and
 37 the 5-year survival rate is decreased to 46 percent, and

38 WHEREAS, approximately half of deaths from ovarian cancer
 39 occur in women over the age of 55 and approximately one-quarter
 40 of deaths from ovarian cancer occur in women between 35 and 54
 41 years of age, and

42 WHEREAS, because early detection and treatment often mean
 43 the difference between life and death, it is important to
 44 increase awareness of the factors that put women at a higher
 45 risk for gynecologic cancers and educate women regarding the
 46 symptoms of ovarian and other forms of gynecologic cancers and
 47 the range of treatment options available to them, NOW,

48 THEREFORE,

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

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 52 Section 1. Section 381.9315, Florida Statutes, is created
 53 to read:

54 381.9315 Gynecologic and ovarian cancer education and
 55 awareness.—

56 (1) This section may be cited as the "Kelly Smith
 57 Gynecologic and Ovarian Cancer Education and Awareness Act."

58 (2) The department shall encourage health care providers,
 59 including, but not limited to, hospitals, birthing facilities,
 60 county health departments, physicians, midwives, and nurses, to
 61 disseminate and display information about gynecologic cancers,
 62 including the signs and symptoms, risk factors, benefits of
 63 early detection through appropriate diagnostic testing, and
 64 treatment options.

65 (3) The department shall encourage women to discuss the
 66 risks of gynecologic cancers with their health care providers.

67 (4) The State Surgeon General shall make publicly
 68 available, by posting on the Internet website of the Department
 69 of Health, resources and an Internet website link to the federal
 70 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for
 71 gynecologic cancer information.

72 (5) The department is encouraged to seek any available
 73 grants from private or federal sources to promote gynecologic
 74 cancer awareness, including, but not limited to, early warning
 75 signs and risk factors associated with gynecologic cancers.

76 (6) The department is encouraged to collaborate with other
 77 agencies, organizations, and institutions to create a systematic
 78 approach to increasing public awareness regarding gynecologic
 79 cancers.

80 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 81 1004.435, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

82 1004.435 Cancer control and research.—

83 (4) FLORIDA CANCER CONTROL AND RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL;

84 CREATION; COMPOSITION.—

85 (a) There is created within the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer
86 Center and Research Institute, Inc., the Florida Cancer Control
87 and Research Advisory Council. The council shall consist of 35
88 ~~34~~ members, which includes the chairperson, all of whom must be
89 residents of this state. All members, except those appointed by
90 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of
91 the Senate, must be appointed by the Governor. At least one of
92 the members appointed by the Governor must be 60 years of age or
93 older. One member must be a representative of the American
94 Cancer Society; one member must be a representative of the
95 Florida Tumor Registrars Association; one member must be a
96 representative of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center of
97 the University of Miami; one member must be a representative of
98 the Department of Health; one member must be a representative of
99 the University of Florida Shands Cancer Center; one member must
100 be a representative of the Agency for Health Care
101 Administration; one member must be a representative of the
102 Florida Nurses Association; one member must be a representative
103 of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association; one member must
104 be a representative of the American College of Surgeons; one
105 member must be a representative of the School of Medicine of the
106 University of Miami; one member must be a representative of the
107 College of Medicine of the University of Florida; one member
108 must be a representative of NOVA Southeastern College of
109 Osteopathic Medicine; one member must be a representative of the
110 College of Medicine of the University of South Florida; one
111 member must be a representative of the College of Public Health

112 of the University of South Florida; one member must be a
 113 representative of the Florida Society of Clinical Oncology; one
 114 member must be a representative of the Florida Obstetric and
 115 Gynecologic Society who has had training in the specialty of
 116 gynecologic oncology; one member must be a representative of the
 117 Florida Ovarian Cancer Alliance Speaks (FOCAS) organization; one
 118 member must be a representative of the Florida Medical
 119 Association; one member must be a member of the Florida
 120 Pediatric Society; one member must be a representative of the
 121 Florida Radiological Society; one member must be a
 122 representative of the Florida Society of Pathologists; one
 123 member must be a representative of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer
 124 Center and Research Institute, Inc.; three members must be
 125 representatives of the general public acting as consumer
 126 advocates; one member must be a member of the House of
 127 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 128 Representatives; one member must be a member of the Senate
 129 appointed by the President of the Senate; one member must be a
 130 representative of the Florida Dental Association; one member
 131 must be a representative of the Florida Hospital Association;
 132 one member must be a representative of the Association of
 133 Community Cancer Centers; one member shall be a representative
 134 from a statutory teaching hospital affiliated with a community-
 135 based cancer center; one member must be a representative of the
 136 Florida Association of Pediatric Tumor Programs, Inc.; one
 137 member must be a representative of the Cancer Information
 138 Service; one member must be a representative of the Florida
 139 Agricultural and Mechanical University Institute of Public

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140 Health; and one member must be a representative of the Florida
141 Society of Oncology Social Workers. Of the members of the
142 council appointed by the Governor, at least 10 must be
143 individuals who are minority persons as defined by s.
144 288.703(3).

145 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.