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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 71 - 152

and insert:

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(UFPDC) shall establish the UFPDC Prostate Cancer Advisory Council and lead the advisory council in developing and implementing strategies to improve outreach and education and thereby reduce the number of patients who develop prostate cancer. A prostate cancer advisory committee is created to advise and assist the Department of Health and the Florida Public Health Institute, Inc., in implementing the program.

(a) The Executive Director of the University of Florida

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Prostate Disease Center shall appoint, in consultation with the Department of Health's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the State Surgeon General, a geographically and institutionally diverse advisory council, which shall appoint the advisory committee members, who shall consist of:

- 1. Two Three persons from prostate cancer survivor groups or cancer-related advocacy groups.
- 2. Four Three persons, one of whom is a physician licensed under chapter 458, one of whom is a physician licensed under chapter 459, one of whom is a scientist, and one of whom is the Executive Director of the University of Florida Prostate Disease Center or a designee who are scientists or clinicians from public universities or research organizations.
- 3. Three persons who are engaged in the practice of a cancer-related medical specialty from health organizations committed to cancer research and control.
- (b) Members shall serve as volunteers without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement, pursuant to s. 112.061, for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.
- (c) Each member of the advisory council shall be appointed to a 4-year term; however, for the purpose of providing staggered terms, of the initial appointments, four members shall be appointed to 2-year terms and four members shall be appointed to 4-year terms. The remaining seat shall be filled by the Executive Director of the University of Florida Prostate Disease Center or a designee.
- (d) The advisory council shall meet annually and at other times at the call of the Executive Director of the University of

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Florida Prostate Disease Center or by a majority vote of the members of the advisory council.

- (e) Five of the members of the advisory council constitute a quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present is required for final action.
 - (f) The advisory council shall:
- 1. Present prostate-cancer-related policy recommendations to the Department of Health and other appropriate governmental entities.
- 2. Verify the accuracy of prostate cancer information disseminated to the public.
- 3. Develop effective communication channels among all private and public entities in the state involved in prostate cancer education, research, treatment, and patient advocacy.
- 4. Plan, develop, and implement activities designed to heighten awareness and educate residents of the state, especially those in underserved areas, regarding the importance of prostate cancer awareness.
- 5. Disseminate information about recent progress in prostate cancer research and the availability of clinical trials.
- 6. Minimize health disparities through outreach and education.
- 7. Communicate best practices principles to physicians involved in the care of patients with prostate cancer.
- 8. Establish a communication platform for patients and their advocates.
- 9. Solicit grants or philanthropic funding to conduct an annual prostate cancer symposium that brings physicians,



researchers, community <u>leaders</u>, <u>prostate cancer survivors</u>, and prostate cancer advocates together to highlight recent advances in prostate cancer research, clinical trials, and best practices used for the prevention of the prostate cancer and to promote strategies for successful rural and urban outreach, community education, and increased awareness.

10. Submit and present an annual report to the Governor,

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======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 7 - 32

and insert:

other organizations and institutions, to increase community education and public awareness of prostate cancer; requiring the University of Florida Prostate Disease Center to establish an advisory council to replace the existing advisory committee; providing for membership and duties of the advisory council; requiring an annual report to the Governor, Legislature, and State Surgeon General; providing an effective date.