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A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care; amending ss. 20.435 and 215.5602, F.S.; conforming cross-references; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 381.91, F.S., relating to the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program; transferring and renumbering s. 381.911, F.S., relating to the Prostate Cancer Awareness Program; transferring and renumbering s. 381.922, F.S., relating to the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program; transferring and renumbering s. 381.93, F.S., relating to a breast and cervical cancer early detection program; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 381.931, F.S., relating to an annual report on Medicaid expenditures; removing a provision limiting the number of breast and cervical cancer screenings based on projected Medicaid expenditures; transferring and renumbering s. 381.9315, F.S., relating to gynecologic and ovarian cancer education and awareness; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 381.932, F.S., relating to the breast cancer early detection and treatment referral program; renaming ch. 385, F.S., as the "Healthy and Fit Florida Act"; amending s. 385.101, F.S.; revising the short title; amending s. 385.102, F.S.; revising legislative intent with regard to chronic diseases and health promotion; directing the Department of Health to establish, promote, and maintain chronic disease and health

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promotion programs to the extent that funding is provided; creating s. 385.1021, F.S.; providing definitions; creating s. 385.1022, F.S.; requiring the department to support the creation of public health programs at the state and community levels to reduce the incidence of mortality and morbidity from chronic diseases; creating s. 385.1023, F.S.; requiring the department to create a state-level program to address the preventable risk factors associated with chronic diseases; requiring the program to perform certain activities; creating s. 385.1035, F.S.; requiring the department to develop and implement a community-level program for the prevention of chronic diseases and the promotion of health; providing the purpose of the program; providing requirements for the program; creating s. 385.104, F.S.; requiring the department to develop programs to promote physical fitness, healthy lifestyles, and weight control; requiring the department to promote programs to increase physical fitness and encourage healthy behavior changes; requiring the department to promote healthy lifestyles to reduce the rate of obesity and encourage weight control and weight reduction; requiring the department to promote personal responsibility and regular health visits; authorizing state agencies to conduct employee wellness programs; requiring the department to serve as a model for the development and implementation of wellness programs; requiring the department to assist

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state agencies in developing and implementing wellness programs; providing equal access to the programs by agency employees; requiring the department to coordinate efforts with the Department of Management Services and other state agencies; authorizing each state agency to establish an employee wellness workgroup to design the agency's wellness program; requiring the department to adopt rules to provide requirements for participation fees, collaboration with businesses, and procurement of equipment and incentives; amending s. 385.202, F.S.; requiring licensed laboratories and practitioners to report certain information to the department; removing a provision that provides for registration or licensure suspension or revocation for failure to comply with such requirements; providing immunity from liability for facilities, laboratories, and practitioners reporting certain information; authorizing the department to adopt rules regarding the establishment and operation of a statewide cancer registry program; permitting the department or contractual designee operating the statewide cancer registry program to use or publish information contained in the registry for the purpose of public health surveillance under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to exchange personal data with an agency or contractual designee for the purpose of public health surveillance under certain circumstances; authorizing additional

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uses for funds appropriated for the program; clarifying that the department may adopt rules regarding the classifications of facilities, laboratories, and practitioners related to reports made to the statewide cancer registry; removing an exemption from reporting requirements for certain facilities; requiring each facility, laboratory, and practitioner that reports cancer cases to the department to make their records available for onsite review; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; conforming a crossreference; repealing part V of ch. 154, F.S., relating to primary care for children and families; repealing s. 381.0054, F.S., relating to the promotion of healthy lifestyles; repealing ss. 381.732 and 381.733, F.S., relating to the Healthy Communities, Healthy People Act; repealing s. 381.734, F.S., relating to the Healthy Communities, Healthy People Program; repealing s. 381.87, F.S., relating to the Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program; repealing s. 385.103, F.S., relating to community intervention programs; providing an effective date.

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WHEREAS, chronic diseases, not infectious diseases, are the leading causes of death, accounting for 70 percent of all deaths in the United States, and

WHEREAS, heart disease and stroke have remained the first and third leading causes of death in the United States for more than 7 decades and are responsible for approximately one-third

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of total deaths each year in this state, and

WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of death and is responsible for one in every four deaths in this state, and

WHEREAS, lung disease is the fourth leading cause of death and is responsible for one in every six deaths in this state, and

WHEREAS, diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in this state, and

WHEREAS, oral disease, specifically dental caries, commonly known as tooth decay, is the single most common chronic disease in children which is not self-limiting or amenable to a short-term course of antibiotics, despite the fact that dental caries is usually preventable, and

WHEREAS, arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States, limiting the daily activities of more than 1.7 million people in this state alone, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 20.435, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.435 Department of Health; trust funds.—The following trust funds shall be administered by the Department of Health:

- (8) Biomedical Research Trust Fund.
- (a) Funds to be credited to the trust fund shall consist of funds deposited pursuant to s. 215.5601 and any other funds appropriated by the Legislature. Funds shall be used for the purposes of the James and Esther King Biomedical Research

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Program and the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley
Cancer Research Program as specified in ss. 215.5602, 288.955,
and 385.20252 381.922. The trust fund is exempt from the service
charges imposed by s. 215.20.

Section 2. Subsections (11) and (12) of section 215.5602, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

215.5602 James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program.—

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- (11) The council shall award grants for cancer research through the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program created in s. 385.20252 381.922.
- From funds appropriated to accomplish the goals of this section, up to \$250,000 shall be available for the operating costs of the Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease. Beginning in the 2011-2012 fiscal year and thereafter, \$25 million from the revenue deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund pursuant to ss. 210.011(9) and 210.276(7) shall be reserved for research of tobacco-related or cancerrelated illnesses. Of the revenue deposited in the Health Care Trust Fund pursuant to this section, \$25 million shall be transferred to the Biomedical Research Trust Fund within the Department of Health. Subject to annual appropriations in the General Appropriations Act, \$5 million shall be appropriated to the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program, \$5 million shall be appropriated to the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program created under s. $385.20252 \frac{381.922}{}$, \$5 million shall be appropriated to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute established

under s. 1004.43, \$5 million shall be appropriated to the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center of the University of Miami, and \$5 million shall be appropriated to the University of Florida Shands Cancer Center.

Section 3. Section 381.91, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 385.2023, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

385.2023 381.91 Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program.-

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to:

- (a) Reduce the rates of illness and death from lung cancer and other cancers and improve the quality of life among low-income African-American and Hispanic populations through increased access to early, effective screening and diagnosis, education, and treatment programs.
- (b) Create a community faith-based disease-prevention program in conjunction with the Health Choice Network and other community health centers to build upon the natural referral and education networks in place within minority communities and to increase access to health service delivery in <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhis.2007/jh
- (c) Establish a funding source to build upon local private participation to sustain the operation of the program.
- (2)(a) There is created the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program, to be located, for administrative purposes, within the Department of Health, and operated from the community health centers within the Health Choice Network in this state Florida.
- (b) Funding may be provided to develop contracts with community health centers and local community faith-based

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education programs to provide cancer screening, diagnosis, education, and treatment services to low-income populations throughout the state.

Section 4. Section 381.911, Florida Statutes, is transferred and renumbered as section 385.2024, Florida Statutes, to read:

385.2024 381.911 Prostate Cancer Awareness Program.-

- (1) The purpose of this program is to provide statewide outreach, promote prostate cancer awareness, communicate the advantages of early detection, report recent progress in prostate cancer research and the availability of clinical trials, minimize health disparities through outreach and education, communicate best practices principles to physicians involved in the care of prostate cancer patients, and establish a communication platform for patients and their advocates.
- (2) For purposes of implementing the program, the University of Florida Prostate Disease Center may work with other agencies, organizations, and institutions to create a systematic approach to community education and increase public awareness regarding prostate cancer by:
- (a) Conducting activities directly or entering into a contract with qualified nonprofit community education entities.
- (b) Seeking any available gifts, private grants, or funds from the Federal Government, philanthropic foundations, and industry or business groups.
- (3) The University of Florida Prostate Disease Center (UFPDC) shall establish the UFPDC Prostate Cancer Advisory Council and lead the advisory council in developing and

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implementing strategies to improve outreach and education and thereby reduce the number of patients who develop prostate cancer.

- (a) The executive director of the University of Florida
 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 consist of:
- 1. Two persons from prostate cancer survivor groups or cancer-related advocacy groups.
- 2. Four 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.
- 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.
- (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

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times at the call of the executive director of the University of 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. Assess 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.

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9. Solicit private grants or philanthropic funding to conduct an annual prostate cancer symposium that brings physicians, researchers, community leaders, prostate cancer survivors, and prostate cancer advocates together to highlight recent advances in prostate cancer research, clinical trials, and best practices used for the prevention of 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, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the State Surgeon General by January 15, 2012, and by January 15 of each following year, which contains recommendations for legislative changes necessary to decrease the incidence of prostate cancer, decrease racial and ethnic disparities among persons diagnosed with prostate cancer, and promote increased community education and awareness regarding this disease.
- (4) The University of Florida Prostate Disease Center (UFPDC) and the UFPDC Prostate Cancer Advisory Council shall be funded within existing resources of the university.
- Section 5. Section 381.922, Florida Statutes, is transferred and renumbered as section 385.20252, Florida Statutes, to read:
- 385.20252 381.922 William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program.—
- (1) The William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program, which may be otherwise cited as the "Bankhead-Coley Program," is created within the Department of

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Health. The purpose of the program shall be to advance progress towards cures for cancer through grants awarded through a peer-reviewed, competitive process.

- (2) The program shall provide grants for cancer research to further the search for cures for cancer.
- (a) Emphasis shall be given to the following goals, as those goals support the advancement of such cures:
- 1. Efforts to significantly expand cancer research capacity in the state by:
- a. Identifying ways to attract new research talent and attendant national grant-producing researchers to cancer research facilities in this state;
- b. Implementing a peer-reviewed, competitive process to identify and fund the best proposals to expand cancer research institutes in this state;
- c. Funding through available resources for those proposals that demonstrate the greatest opportunity to attract federal research grants and private financial support;
- d. Encouraging the employment of bioinformatics in order to create a cancer informatics infrastructure that enhances information and resource exchange and integration through researchers working in diverse disciplines, to facilitate the full spectrum of cancer investigations;
- e. Facilitating the technical coordination, business development, and support of intellectual property as it relates to the advancement of cancer research; and
- f. Aiding in other multidisciplinary research-support activities as they inure to the advancement of cancer research.

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2. Efforts to improve both research and treatment through greater participation in clinical trials networks by:

- a. Identifying ways to increase adult enrollment in cancer clinical trials;
- b. Supporting public and private professional education programs designed to increase the awareness and knowledge about cancer clinical trials;
- c. Providing tools to cancer patients and community-based oncologists to aid in the identification of cancer clinical trials available in the state; and
- d. Creating opportunities for the state's academic cancer centers to collaborate with community-based oncologists in cancer clinical trials networks.
- 3. Efforts to reduce the impact of cancer on disparate groups by:
- a. Identifying those cancers that disproportionately impact certain demographic groups; and
- b. Building collaborations designed to reduce health disparities as they relate to cancer.
- (b) Preference may be given to grant proposals that foster collaborations among institutions, researchers, and community practitioners, as such proposals support the advancement of cures through basic or applied research, including clinical trials involving cancer patients and related networks.
- (3) (a) Applications for funding for cancer research may be submitted by any university or established research institute in the state. All qualified investigators in the state, regardless of institutional affiliation, shall have equal access and

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opportunity to compete for the research funding. Collaborative proposals, including those that advance the program's goals enumerated in subsection (2), may be given preference. Grants shall be awarded by the State Surgeon General, after consultation with the Biomedical Research Advisory Council, on the basis of scientific merit, as determined by an open, competitive peer review process that ensures objectivity, consistency, and high quality. The following types of applications shall be considered for funding:

- 1. Investigator-initiated research grants.
- 2. Institutional research grants.

- 3. Collaborative research grants, including those that advance the finding of cures through basic or applied research.
- (b) In order to ensure that all proposals for research funding are appropriate and are evaluated fairly on the basis of scientific merit, the State Surgeon General, in consultation with the council, shall appoint a peer review panel of independent, scientifically qualified individuals to review the scientific content of each proposal and establish its priority score. The priority scores shall be forwarded to the council and must be considered in determining which proposals shall be recommended for funding.
- (c) The council and the peer review panel shall establish and follow rigorous guidelines for ethical conduct and adhere to a strict policy with regard to conflicts of interest. A member of the council or panel may not participate in any discussion or decision with respect to a research proposal by any firm, entity, or agency with which the member is associated as a

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member of the governing body or as an employee or with which the member has entered into a contractual arrangement. Meetings of the council and the peer review panels are subject to chapter 119, s. 286.011, and s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.

- (4) By December 15 of each year, the Department of Health shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report indicating progress towards the program's mission and making recommendations that further its purpose.
- (5) The William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program is funded pursuant to s. 215.5602(12). Funds appropriated for the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program shall be distributed pursuant to this section to provide grants to researchers seeking cures for cancer and cancer-related illnesses, with emphasis given to the goals enumerated in this section. From the total funds appropriated, an amount of up to 10 percent may be used for administrative expenses. From funds appropriated to accomplish the goals of this section, up to \$250,000 shall be available for the operating costs of the Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease.
- Section 6. Section 381.93, Florida Statutes, is transferred and renumbered as section 385.20253, Florida Statutes, to read:
- 385.20253 381.93 Breast and cervical cancer early detection program.—This section may be cited as the "Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Act."
 - (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to reduce the

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rates of death due to breast and cervical cancer through early diagnosis and increased access to early screening, diagnosis, and treatment programs.

- (2) The Department of Health, using available federal funds and state funds appropriated for that purpose, is authorized to establish the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening and Early Detection Program to provide screening, diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, case management, and followup and referral to the Agency for Health Care Administration for coverage of treatment services.
- (3) The Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program shall be funded through grants for such screening and early detection purposes from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under Title XV of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 300k et seq.
- (4) The department shall limit enrollment in the program to persons with incomes up to and including 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The department shall establish an eligibility process that includes an income-verification process to ensure that persons served under the program meet income guidelines.
- (5) The department may provide other breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services; however, such services shall be funded separately through other sources than this act.
- Section 7. Section 381.931, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 385.20254, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:
 - 385.20254 381.931 Annual report on Medicaid expenditures.-

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The Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care
Administration shall monitor the total Medicaid expenditures for services made under this act. If Medicaid expenditures are projected to exceed the amount appropriated by the Legislature, the Department of Health shall limit the number of screenings to ensure Medicaid expenditures do not exceed the amount appropriated.

Section 8. Section 381.9315, Florida Statutes, is transferred and renumbered as section 385.20255, Florida Statutes, to read:

 $\underline{385.20255}$ $\underline{381.9315}$ Gynecologic and ovarian cancer education and awareness.—

- (1) This section may be cited as the "Kelly Smith Gynecologic and Ovarian Cancer Education and Awareness Act."
- (2) The department shall encourage health care providers, including, but not limited to, hospitals, birthing facilities, county health departments, physicians, midwives, and nurses, to disseminate and display information about gynecologic cancers, including the signs and symptoms, risk factors, benefits of early detection through appropriate diagnostic testing, and treatment options.
- (3) The department shall encourage women to discuss the risks of gynecologic cancers with their health care providers.
- (4) The State Surgeon General shall make publicly available, by posting on the Internet website of the Department of Health, resources and an Internet website link to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for gynecologic cancer information.

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

- (6) The department is encouraged to collaborate with other agencies, organizations, and institutions to create a systematic approach to increasing public awareness regarding gynecologic cancers.
- Section 9. Section 381.932, Florida Statutes, is transferred, renumbered as section 385.20256, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:
- 385.20256 381.932 Breast cancer early detection and treatment referral program.—
 - (1) For purposes of this section, the term:
- (a) "Breast cancer screening and referral services" means necessary breast cancer screening and referral services for a procedure intended to treat cancer of the human breast, including, but not limited to, surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, and related medical followup services.
- (b) "Unserved or underserved populations" means women who are:
- 1. At or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level for individuals;
- 2. Without health insurance that covers breast cancer screenings; and
 - 3. Nineteen to 64 years of age, inclusive.
 - (2) There is established, within existing or specific

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appropriations, a breast cancer early detection and treatment referral program within the Department of Health. The purposes of the program are to:

- (a) Promote referrals for the screening, detection, and treatment of breast cancer among unserved or underserved populations.
- (b) Educate the public regarding breast cancer and the benefits of early detection.
- (c) Provide referral services for persons seeking treatment.
- (3) The program shall include, but \underline{is} not \underline{be} limited to, the:
- (a) Establishment of a public education and outreach initiative to publicize breast cancer early detection services, the benefits of early detection of breast cancer, and the recommended frequency for receiving screening services, including clinical breast examinations and mammography guidelines established by the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- (b) Development of professional education programs that include information regarding the benefits of the early detection of breast cancer and the recommended frequency for receiving a mammogram, as recommended in the most current breast cancer screening guidelines established by the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- (c) Establishment of a system to track and monitor all women screened for breast cancer in the program. The system shall include, but <u>is</u> not be limited to, monitoring abnormal

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screening tests, referring women for treatment when needed, and tracking women to be screened at recommended screening intervals.

- (4) The State Surgeon General shall submit an annual report to the appropriate substantive committees of the Legislature. The report shall include, but <u>is</u> not be limited to, a description of the rate of breast cancer morbidity and mortality in the state and the extent to which women are participating in breast cancer screening as reported by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.
- Section 10. <u>Chapter 385, Florida Statutes, entitled</u>

 "Chronic Diseases," is renamed the "Healthy and Fit Florida

 Act."
- Section 11. Section 385.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 385.101 Short title.—<u>This chapter Sections 385.101-385.103</u> may be cited as the "<u>Healthy and Fit Florida Chronic Diseases</u>
 Act."
- Section 12. Section 385.102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 385.102 Legislative intent; department duties.-
 - (1) It is the finding of The Legislature finds that:
- (a) (1) Chronic diseases continue to be the leading causes of death and disability in the state and the nation exist in high proportions among the people of this state. These Chronic diseases include, but are not limited to, arthritis, cardiovascular disease heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, renal disease, oral diseases, cancer, and chronic obstructive

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lung disease, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma. These diseases are often have the same preventable risk factors and interrelated, and they directly and indirectly account for a high rate of death and disability, which results in higher costs to the state's health care system illness.

- (b) Chronic diseases have a significant impact on quality of life, not only for the individuals who experience the painful symptoms and resulting disabilities, but also for family members and caregivers.
- (c) Racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations are disproportionately affected by chronic diseases.
- (d) Chronic diseases and the complications associated with these diseases result in increased medical costs and lost wages.
- (e) (2) Advances in medical knowledge and technology assist have assisted in the prevention, detection, and management of chronic diseases. Comprehensive approaches that stress the stressing application of current medical treatment, continuing research, professional training, and patient education, and state and local policy and environmental changes should be implemented encouraged.
- (f)(3) A comprehensive program dealing with the early detection and prevention of chronic diseases is required to make knowledge and therapy available to all people of this state. The mobilization of scientific, medical, and educational resources and the implementation of state and local policies relating to chronic diseases under one comprehensive law chronic disease act will facilitate the prevention, early intervention, and management of chronic and treatment of these diseases and their

symptoms. This integration of resources and policy will and result in a decline in death and <u>disability</u> illness among the people of this state.

- (2) The department shall establish, promote, and maintain programs at the state and community levels for chronic disease prevention and health promotion as described in this chapter to the extent that funds are specifically made available for this purpose.
- Section 13. Section 385.1021, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 385.1021 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (1) "Best and promising practices" means specific activities used to effect change, which may include guidelines developed by organizations, volunteer scientists, and health care professionals who have published medical or scientific articles on topics relating to chronic diseases in a generally available scientific journal that has a rigorous review and approval process.
- (2) "Chronic disease" means an illness that is prolonged, does not resolve spontaneously, and is rarely cured completely.
 - (3) "Department" means the Department of Health.
- (4) "Environmental changes" means alterations to the economic, social, or physical natural or built environment that encourage or enable healthy behavior.
- (5) "Evidence-based" means the preferential use of physical, mental, and behavioral health interventions for which systematic empirical research has provided evidence of statistically significant effectiveness as treatments for

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specific problems.

(6) "Policy change" means altering an informal or formal agreement between the public or private sector to identify values, behaviors, or resource allocation in order to improve health.

- (7) "Risk factor" means a characteristic or condition identified during the course of an epidemiological study of a disease which appears to be statistically associated with a high incidence of that disease.
- (8) "System change" means altering standard activities, protocols, policies, processes, and structures carried out in population-based settings, such as schools, worksites, health care facilities, faith-based organizations, and the overall community, which promote and support new behaviors.
- (9) "Wellness program" means a structured program that is designed or approved by the department to offer intervention activities on or off the worksite which help state and local government employees change certain behaviors or adopt healthy lifestyles.

Section 14. Section 385.1022, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

385.1022 Chronic disease prevention and health promotion program.—The department shall support the creation of public health programs at the state and community levels in order to reduce the incidence of mortality and morbidity from chronic diseases for which risk factors can be identified. Such risk factors include, but are not limited to, being overweight or obese, physical inactivity, poor diet and nutrition habits, sun

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exposure, poor oral hygiene, and other practices that are detrimental to health.

Section 15. Section 385.1023, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

prevention.—The department shall create a state-level program that promotes healthy lifestyles and prevents chronic diseases and disabilities caused by chronic diseases. The program must address preventable chronic disease risk factors, such as being overweight or obese, physical inactivity, poor diet and nutrition habits, sun exposure, poor oral hygiene, and other practices that are detrimental to health, in order to decrease the incidence of arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma, stroke, and other chronic diseases. The state-level program must include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Monitoring specific causal and behavioral risk factors that affect the health of residents of this state.
- (2) Analyzing data regarding chronic disease mortality and morbidity to track changes.
- (3) Disseminating educational materials and information concerning evidence-based results, available services, and pertinent new research findings and prevention strategies to patients, health insurers, health professionals, and the public.
- (4) Increasing awareness among state and local officials involved in health and human services, health professionals and providers, and policymakers regarding evidence-based chronic disease prevention, treatment strategies, and benefits for

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persons who have chronic diseases.

- (5) Developing a partnership with state and local governments, voluntary health organizations, hospitals, health insurers, universities, medical centers, faith-based organizations, employer groups, private companies, and health care providers to address the issue of chronic diseases in this state.
- (6) Evaluating the quality and accessibility of existing community-based services for persons who have chronic diseases.
- (7) Implementing and coordinating state-level policies in order to reduce the impact of chronic diseases.
- (8) Maximizing all local, state, and federal funding sources, including seeking grants, public-private partnerships, and other mechanisms, to strengthen the department's programs that promote physical activity and nutrition.
- (9) Providing lasting improvements in the delivery of health care for individuals who have chronic diseases and their families, thus improving their quality of life while also containing health care costs.
- Section 16. Section 385.1035, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 385.1035 Community-level program for chronic disease prevention and health promotion.—The department shall develop and implement a comprehensive, community-level program for chronic disease prevention and health promotion. The program shall be designed to reduce major behavioral risk factors associated with chronic diseases by enhancing knowledge, skills, motivation, and opportunities to enable individuals,

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organizations, health care providers, small businesses, health insurers, and communities to develop and maintain healthy lifestyles. A community-level program for chronic disease prevention and health promotion must include, but is not limited to:

- (1) The employment of skilled staff who are trained in public health, community health, or school health education to facilitate the operation of the program.
- (2) A method of soliciting community input into the planning, implementation, and evaluation processes.
- (3) The use of local and statewide data as a basis for decisionmaking and the development and prioritization of community-based interventions focused on the risk factors associated with chronic diseases.
- (4) The development and implementation of interventions and activities through community organizations, schools, worksites, faith-based organizations, and health care settings.
- (5) The use of evidence-based interventions as well as best and promising practices.
- (6) The use of policy changes, system changes, and environmental changes that support healthy behaviors in order to affect large segments of the population and encourage healthy choices.
- Section 17. Section 385.104, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 385.104 Physical activity, obesity prevention, nutrition, and other health-promotion services and wellness programs.—
 - (1) PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.—The department shall promote

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programs for people at every stage of their lives to increase
physical fitness and encourage healthy behavior changes by:

- (a) Working with school health advisory committees in each school district as established in s. 381.0056 to encourage the physical activity of students, staff, and teachers.
- (b) Developing public and private partnerships that allow the public to easily access recreational facilities and public land areas that are suitable for physical activity.
- (c) Collaborating with the Department of Education in recognizing nationally accepted best practices for improving physical education in schools.
- (2) OBESITY PREVENTION.—The department shall promote healthy lifestyles to reduce the rate of obesity and encourage weight control and weight reduction through programs that are directed towards all residents of this state by:
- (a) Using all appropriate media to promote maximum public awareness of the latest research on healthy lifestyles and chronic diseases and disseminating relevant information relating to wellness, physical activity, and nutrition and the effect of these factors on chronic diseases and disabling conditions through a statewide clearinghouse.
- (b) Providing technical assistance, training, and resources on healthy lifestyles and chronic diseases to the public, health care providers, school districts, and other persons or entities, including faith-based organizations, that request such assistance to promote physical activity, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle programs.
 - (c) Developing, implementing, and using all available

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research methods to collect data, including, but not limited to, population-specific data, and tracking the incidence and effects of weight gain, obesity, and related chronic diseases. All research conducted under this paragraph is subject to review and approval as required by the department's Institutional Review Board under s. 381.86.

- (d) Entering into partnerships with the Department of Education, local communities, school districts, and other entities to encourage schools in the state to promote activities during and after school to help students meet a minimum goal of 30 minutes of physical fitness activities per day.
- (e) Collaborating with other state agencies to develop policies and strategies for preventing and treating obesity, which shall be incorporated into programs administered by each agency and shall include promoting healthy lifestyles among the employees of each agency.
- (f) Advising, in accordance with s. 456.081, health care practitioners about the morbidity, mortality, and costs associated with being overweight or obese; informing practitioners of promising clinical practices for preventing and treating obesity; and encouraging practitioners to counsel their patients regarding the adoption of healthy lifestyles.
- (g) Maximizing all local, state, and federal funding sources, including seeking grants, public-private partnerships, and other mechanisms, to strengthen the department's programs that promote physical activity and nutrition.
 - (3) OTHER HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES.—The department shall:
 - (a) Promote personal responsibility by encouraging

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residents of this state to be informed, follow health recommendations, seek medical consultations and health assessments, and comply with medical guidelines, including those that lead to earlier detection of chronic diseases, in order to prevent chronic diseases or slow the progression of established chronic diseases.

- (b) Promote regular health visits during a person's lifetime, including annual physical examinations that include measuring body mass index and vital signs, blood work, immunizations, screenings, and dental examinations, in order to reduce the financial, social, and personal burden of chronic disease.
 - (4) WELLNESS PROGRAMS.—

- (a) Each state agency may conduct employee wellness
 programs in buildings and on lands owned or leased by the state.
 The department shall serve as a model for the development and implementation of employee wellness programs that may include physical fitness, healthy nutrition, self-management of disease, wellness and fitness education, and behavioral change elements.
 The department shall assist other state agencies in developing and implementing employee wellness programs. These programs shall use existing resources, facilities, and programs or resources procured through grant funding and donations that are obtained in accordance with state ethics and procurement policies, and shall provide equal access to any such programs, resources, and facilities to all state employees.
- (b) The department shall coordinate its efforts with the Department of Management Services and other state agencies.

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(c) Each state agency may establish an employee wellness workgroup to design the agency's wellness program. The department shall provide policy guidance and assist in identifying effective wellness program strategies.

(d) The department shall provide by rule requirements for nominal participation fees, when applicable, which may not exceed the department's actual costs, collaboration with businesses, and the procurement of equipment and incentives.

Section 18. Section 385.202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

385.202 Statewide cancer registry.-

- under chapter 395, chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 464, or chapter 483 and each freestanding radiation therapy center as defined in s. 408.07 shall report to the department of Health such information, specified by the department as outlined in s. 381.0031 and, by rule regarding reporting requirements for the statewide cancer registry, which includes the data required, the timeframe for reporting, and those professionals who are responsible for ensuring compliance with reporting requirements, which indicates diagnosis, stage of disease, medical history, laboratory data, tissue diagnosis, and radiation, surgical, or other methods of diagnosis or treatment for each cancer diagnosed or treated by the facility or center. Failure to comply with this requirement may be cause for registration or licensure suspension or revocation.
- (2) The department shall establish, or cause to have established, by contract with a recognized medical organization

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in this state and its affiliated institutions, a statewide cancer registry program to ensure that cancer reports required under this section shall be maintained and available for use in the course of <u>public health surveillance and</u> any study for the purpose of reducing morbidity or mortality; and no liability of any kind or character for damages or other relief shall arise or be enforced against any <u>facility</u>, <u>laboratory</u>, or <u>practitioner hospital</u> by reason of having provided such information or material to the department.

- (3) The department or a contractual designee operating the statewide cancer registry program required by this section shall use or publish <u>such said</u> material only for the purpose of <u>public health surveillance and</u> advancing medical research or medical education in the interest of reducing morbidity or mortality, except that a summary of such studies may be released for general publication. Information which discloses or could lead to the disclosure of the identity of any person whose condition or treatment has been reported and studied shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1), except that:
- (a) Release may be made with the written consent of all persons to whom the information applies;
- (b) The department or a contractual designee may contact individuals for the purpose of epidemiologic investigation and monitoring, provided information that is confidential under this section is not further disclosed; or
- (c) The department may exchange personal data with any other governmental agency or a contractual designee for the purpose of public health surveillance and medical or scientific

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research $\underline{\text{if}}_{7}$ provided such governmental agency or contractual designee $\underline{\text{does}}$ $\underline{\text{shall}}$ not further disclose information that is confidential under this section.

- (4) Funds appropriated for this section shall be used for establishing, administering, compiling, processing, and providing biometric and statistical analyses to the reporting facilities, laboratories, and practitioners. Funds may also be used to ensure the quality and accuracy of the information reported and to provide management information to the reporting facilities, laboratories, and practitioners.
- (5) The department may, by rule, classify facilities for purposes of reports made to the cancer registry and specify the content and frequency of the reports. In classifying facilities, the department shall exempt certain facilities from reporting cancer information that was previously reported to the department or retrieved from existing state reports made to the department or the Agency for Health Care Administration. The provisions of This section does shall not apply to any facility whose primary function is to provide psychiatric care to its patients.
- (6) Notwithstanding subsection (1), each facility, laboratory, and practitioner that reports cancer cases to the department must make their records available for onsite review by the department or its authorized representative.
- Section 19. Subsection (9) of section 409.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.—The agency may make payments for medical assistance and related services on

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behalf of the following persons who are determined to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and any limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

- (9) Eligible women with incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and under age 65, for cancer treatment pursuant to the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000, screened through the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program established under <u>s. 385.20253</u> <u>s. 381.93</u>.
- Section 20. <u>Part V of chapter 154, Florida Statutes,</u> consisting of sections 154.501, 154.502, 154.503, 154.504, 154.505, 154.506, and 154.507, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- 912 Section 21. <u>Section 381.0054, Florida Statutes, is</u> 913 repealed.
- 914 Section 22. <u>Section 381.732</u>, Florida Statutes, is 915 repealed.
- 916 Section 23. <u>Section 381.733, Florida Statutes, is</u> 917 repealed.
- 918 Section 24. <u>Section 381.734</u>, Florida Statutes, is 919 repealed.
- 920 Section 25. <u>Section 381.87</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
- 921 Section 26. <u>Section 385.103</u>, Florida Statutes, is
- 922 <u>repealed.</u>

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923 Section 27. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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