

Amendment No. a1-6

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Committee
3 Representative Jones offered the following:
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5 **Amendment to Amendment (194335) by Representative Hudson**
6 **(with title amendment)**

7 Remove lines 558-604 of the amendment and insert:

8 (1) The department may conduct studies concerning the
9 epidemiology of diseases of public health significance affecting
10 people in Florida.

11 (2) Any practitioner licensed in this state to practice
12 medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine,
13 naturopathy, or veterinary medicine; any hospital licensed under
14 part I of chapter 395; or any laboratory licensed under chapter
15 483 that diagnoses or suspects the existence of a disease of
16 public health significance shall immediately report the fact to
17 the Department of Health.

18 (3) ~~(2)~~ Periodically the department shall issue a list of
19 infectious or noninfectious diseases determined by it to be a

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20 threat to public health and therefore of significance to public
21 health and shall furnish a copy of the list to the practitioners
22 listed in subsection (2) ~~(1)~~.

23 (4)~~(3)~~ Reports required by this section must be in
24 accordance with methods specified by rule of the department.

25 (5)~~(4)~~ Information submitted in reports required by this
26 section is confidential, exempt from the provisions of s.
27 119.07(1), and is to be made public only when necessary to
28 public health. A report so submitted is not a violation of the
29 confidential relationship between practitioner and patient.

30 (6)~~(5)~~ The department may obtain and inspect copies of
31 medical records, records of laboratory tests, and other medical-
32 related information for reported cases of diseases of public
33 health significance described in subsection (2). The department
34 shall examine the records of a person who has a disease of
35 public health significance only for purposes of preventing and
36 eliminating outbreaks of disease and making epidemiological
37 investigations of reported cases of diseases of public health
38 significance, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary.
39 Health care practitioners, licensed health care facilities, and
40 laboratories shall allow the department to inspect and obtain
41 copies of such medical records and medical-related information,
42 notwithstanding any other law to the contrary. Release of
43 medical records and medical-related information to the
44 department by a health care practitioner, licensed health care
45 facility, or laboratory, or by an authorized employee or agent
46 thereof, does not constitute a violation of the confidentiality
47 of patient records. A health care practitioner, health care

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48 facility, or laboratory, or any employee or agent thereof, may
49 not be held liable in any manner for damages and is not subject
50 to criminal penalties for providing patient records to the
51 department as authorized by this section.

52 (7)~~(6)~~ The department may adopt rules related to reporting
53 diseases of significance to public health, which

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Remove line 3808 of the amendment and insert:

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of diseases of public health