

# THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



**Don Gaetz**

*President of the Senate*



**Will Weatherford**

*Speaker of the House of  
Representatives*

May 1, 2013

The Honorable Don Gaetz  
President of the Senate

The Honorable Will Weatherford  
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on CS/CS/SB 1660, 1st Eng., same being:

An act relating to quality cancer care and research.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 677843.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for CS/CS/SB 1660, 1st Eng., relating to quality cancer care and research, provides for the following:

- Creates the Cancer Center of Excellence Award to recognize hospitals, treatment centers, and other providers in Florida that demonstrate excellence in patient-centered coordinated care for persons undergoing cancer treatment and therapy.
- Requires the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council and the Biomedical Research Advisory Council to form a joint committee that will develop rigorous performance measures, a rating system, and a rating standard that must be achieved to document and distinguish a cancer center that excels in providing quality, comprehensive, and patient-centered coordinated care.
- Requires the Dept. of Health to annually conduct two application cycles for the award. Requires the State Surgeon General to appoint a team of independent evaluators to assess applicants to determine eligibility for the award.
- Requires the State Surgeon General to notify the Governor regarding the providers that are eligible to receive the Cancer Center of Excellence Award. The award shall be recognized for a period of three years after the date of the award.
- Requires an entity that performs or is associated with cancer research or care that receives a specific appropriation must submit an annual fiscal-year progress report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 15.
- Requires the Dept. of Health – in order to attract and retain experienced research talent and national grant-producing researchers to integrated cancer research and care institutions in Florida – to award endowments to integrated cancer research and care institutions for establishing a funded research chair, pursuant to the GAA specifying an appropriation for this purpose.
- The purpose of the endowment is to provide secure funding for at least seven years to attract an experienced and promising researcher who specializes in cancer-related research and whose continued employment for this period is not contingent upon grant awards associated with time-limited research projects.