

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to communicable disease control;  
3 amending s. 154.001; F.S.; providing for coordination  
4 of services relating to control of communicable  
5 diseases and antibiotic-resistant threats by county  
6 health departments; amending s. 381.0011, F.S.;  
7 providing duties of the Department of Health relating  
8 to the dissemination of information regarding  
9 antibiotic-resistant threats; providing an effective  
10 date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 154.001, Florida Statutes, is amended  
15 to read:

16 154.001 System of coordinated county health department  
17 services; legislative intent.—It is the intent of the  
18 Legislature to promote, protect, maintain, and improve the  
19 health and safety of all citizens and visitors of this state  
20 through a system of coordinated county health department  
21 services, which shall include the control of communicable  
22 diseases and antibiotic-resistant threats, as defined and  
23 prioritized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
24 and as specified in s. 381.0011(5). The Legislature recognizes  
25 the unique partnership which necessarily exists between the  
26 state and its counties in meeting the public health needs of the

27 | state. To strengthen this partnership, the Legislature intends  
28 | that the public health needs of the several counties be provided  
29 | through contractual arrangements between the state and each  
30 | county. The Legislature also recognizes the importance of  
31 | meeting the educational needs of Florida's public health  
32 | professionals.

33 | Section 2. Section 381.0011, Florida Statutes, is amended  
34 | to read:

35 | 381.0011 Duties and powers of the Department of Health.—It  
36 | is the duty of the Department of Health to:

37 | (1) Assess the public health status and needs of the  
38 | state.

39 | (2) Administer and enforce laws and rules relating to  
40 | sanitation, control of communicable diseases, illnesses and  
41 | hazards to health among humans and from animals to humans, and  
42 | the general health of the people of the state.

43 | (3) Coordinate with federal, state, and local officials  
44 | for the prevention and suppression of communicable and other  
45 | diseases, illnesses, injuries, and hazards to human health.

46 | (4) Provide for a thorough investigation and study of the  
47 | incidence, causes, modes of propagation and transmission, and  
48 | means of prevention, control, and cure of diseases, illnesses,  
49 | and hazards to human health.

50 | (5) Provide for the dissemination of information to the  
51 | public relating ~~relative~~ to the prevention, control, and cure of  
52 | diseases, illnesses, and hazards to human health, including

53 antibiotic-resistant threats, as defined and prioritized by the  
54 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the report  
55 entitled "Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the United States,  
56 2013." The department shall document on its website the  
57 presence, type, and location of an antibiotic-resistant threat.

58 (6) Act as registrar of vital statistics.

59 (7) Manage and coordinate emergency preparedness and  
60 disaster response functions to: serve as the lead agency for the  
61 investigation of antibiotic-resistant threats included in the  
62 report cited in subsection (5); investigate and control the  
63 spread of disease; coordinate the availability and staffing of  
64 special needs shelters; support patient evacuation; ensure the  
65 safety of food and drugs; provide critical incident stress  
66 debriefing; and provide surveillance and control of  
67 radiological, chemical, biological, and other environmental  
68 hazards.

69 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.