

By the Committees on Appropriations; and Health Policy; and
Senator Gibson

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to uterine fibroid research and
3 education; creating s. 381.9312, F.S.; providing
4 definitions; requiring the Department of Health to
5 develop and maintain an electronic database of
6 information related to uterine fibroids; providing a
7 specified purpose for such database; requiring that
8 the database include specified information; requiring
9 health care providers to submit certain information to
10 the department for inclusion in the database;
11 prohibiting the database from including any personal
12 identifying information; requiring the department to
13 develop and include information related to uterine
14 fibroids in certain literature currently made
15 available to the public for a specified purpose;
16 providing appropriations and authorizing a position;
17 providing an effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Section 381.9312, Florida Statutes, is created
22 to read:

23 381.9312 Uterine fibroid research database; education and
24 public awareness.—

25 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

26 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.

27 (b) "Health care provider" means a physician or physician
28 assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or an
29 advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 464.

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30 (c) "Uterine fibroid" means a noncancerous growth of the
31 uterus that often appears during a woman's childbearing years.

32 (2) UTERINE FIBROID RESEARCH DATABASE.—

33 (a) The department shall develop and maintain an electronic
34 database consisting of information related to uterine fibroids.
35 The purpose of the database is to encourage research relating to
36 the diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids and to ensure
37 that women are provided with the relevant information and health
38 care necessary to prevent and treat uterine fibroids. The
39 database must include, but need not be limited to, all of the
40 following information:

41 1. Incidence and prevalence of women diagnosed with uterine
42 fibroids in this state.

43 2. Demographic attributes of women diagnosed with uterine
44 fibroids in this state.

45 3. Treatments and procedures for uterine fibroids used by
46 health care providers in this state.

47 (b) A health care provider who diagnoses or treats a woman
48 with uterine fibroids shall submit information relating to such
49 diagnosis or treatment to the department in a form and manner
50 prescribed by department rule for inclusion in the database.
51 Such information may be submitted along with any reports or
52 other information that the health care provider is required to
53 submit to the department pursuant to state law.

54 (c) The database may not include any personal identifying
55 information of women diagnosed with or treated for uterine
56 fibroids.

57 (3) UTERINE FIBROID EDUCATION OUTREACH AND PUBLIC
58 AWARENESS.—The department shall develop and include information

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59 related to uterine fibroids in its women's health care
60 educational materials currently made available to the public.
61 The information must include, but need not be limited to, the
62 following:

63 (a) Possible risk factors for developing uterine fibroids.

64 (b) Range of available treatment options that are
65 considered alternatives to hysterectomy.

66 Section 2. For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the sums of
67 \$121,852 in recurring funds and \$681,048 in nonrecurring funds
68 from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the Department
69 of Health and one full-time equivalent position with associated
70 salary rate of 55,212 is authorized for the purpose of
71 implementing this act.

72 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.