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 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 fibroids in
 14 certain literature currently made available to the
 15 public for a specified purpose; providing an
 16 appropriation and authorizing a position; providing an
 17 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:

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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.
 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
 34 electronic database consisting of information related to uterine
 35 fibroids. The purpose of the database is to encourage research
 36 relating to the diagnosis and treatment of uterine fibroids and
 37 to ensure that women are provided with the relevant information
 38 and health care necessary to prevent and treat uterine fibroids.
 39 The database must include, but need not be limited to, all of
 40 the following information:
 41 1. Incidence and prevalence of women diagnosed with
 42 uterine fibroids in the state.
 43 2. Demographic attributes of women diagnosed with uterine
 44 fibroids in the state.
 45 3. Treatments and procedures for uterine fibroids used by
 46 health care providers in the 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.

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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
 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 from the General Revenue Fund and
 68 \$681,048 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund are
 69 appropriated to the Department of Health and one full-time
 70 equivalent position with associated salary rate of 55,212 is
 71 authorized for the purpose of implementing this act.

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