

By the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services;
the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Davis

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the sickle cell program; providing
3 a short title; amending s. 381.815, F.S.; requiring
4 the Department of Health to establish a grant program
5 for the prevention, care, and treatment of sickle cell
6 disease and sickle cell trait or sickle cell trait
7 carriers and for certain educational programs;
8 requiring the department to develop application
9 criteria and standards of eligibility for grants under
10 the program; requiring the department to ensure that
11 grant funds are used for specified purposes; requiring
12 the department to conduct a specified study; requiring
13 the department to adopt rules; providing an effective
14 date.

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

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18 Section 1. This act may be known as the "Sickle Cell
19 Disease and Sickle Cell Trait Prevention, Care, and Treatment
20 Act."

21 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 381.815,
22 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

23 381.815 Sickle cell ~~Sickle-cell~~ program.—The Department of
24 Health shall, to the extent that resources are available:

25 (1) Provide education to the citizens of Florida about
26 sickle cell ~~sickle-cell~~ disease.

27 (3) (a)1. Establish a grant program for the prevention,
28 care, and treatment of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait
29 or sickle cell trait carriers and for community-based

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30 educational programs concerning the disease.

31 2. The community-based educational programs shall include
32 an outreach program that provides for the dissemination of
33 information relating to the prevention, care, and treatment of
34 sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait or sickle cell trait
35 carriers.

36 (b) Develop application criteria and standards of
37 eligibility for applicants for funds under the grant program.

38 1. Groups or organizations that meet the eligibility
39 standards developed by the department may apply for funds under
40 the program.

41 2.a. Priority for grants shall be given to established
42 sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait or sickle cell trait
43 carrier community-based applicants throughout this state.

44 b. Further priority shall be given to ensuring the
45 establishment of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait or
46 sickle cell trait carrier centers in underserved areas with a
47 higher population of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait
48 or sickle cell trait carrier patients.

49 (c) Require that all program grant funds be used for the
50 purpose of prevention, care, and treatment of sickle cell
51 disease or sickle cell trait or sickle cell trait carriers or
52 for educational programs concerning the disease.

53 (d) Conduct a study to determine the prevalence, impact,
54 and needs of patients diagnosed with sickle cell disease or
55 sickle cell trait or sickle cell trait carriers in this state.

56 (e) Adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection ~~Make~~
57 ~~grants or enter into contracts with not-for-profit centers.~~

58 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.