

A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the sickle cell program; amending
 s. 381.815, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health
 to establish a grant program for the prevention, care,
 and treatment of sickle cell disease and for
 educational programs and develop application criteria
 and standards of eligibility for such program;
 providing applicability; requiring the department to
 develop and maintain a voluntary registry and to
 conduct a specified study; requiring the department to
 adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be known as the "Sickle Cell
 Prevention, Care, and Treatment Act."

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 381.815, Florida
 Statutes, is amended, to read:

381.815 Sickle cell ~~sickle-cell~~ program; voluntary
 registry.—The Department of Health shall, to the extent that
 resources are available:

(3)(a)1. Establish a grant program for the prevention,
 care, and treatment of sickle cell disease and for community-
 based educational programs concerning the disease.

2. The community-based educational programs shall include

26 an outreach program that provides for the dissemination of
27 information relating to the prevention, care, and treatment of
28 sickle cell disease.

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

31 1. Groups or organizations that meet the eligibility
32 standards developed by the department may apply for funds under
33 the program.

34 2.a. Priority for grants shall be given to established
35 sickle cell disease community-based applicants throughout the
36 state.

37 b. Further priority shall be given to ensuring the
38 establishment of sickle cell disease centers in underserved
39 areas with a higher population of sickle cell disease patients.

40 (c) Require that all program grant funds must be used for
41 the purpose of prevention, care, and treatment of sickle cell
42 disease or for educational programs concerning the disease.

43 (d) Develop and maintain a voluntary sickle cell disease
44 registry for patients diagnosed with sickle cell disease.

45 (e) Conduct a study to determine the prevalence, impact,
46 and needs of patients diagnosed with sickle cell disease and the
47 sickle cell trait in the state.

48 (f) Adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.
49 ~~Make grants or enter into contracts with not-for-profit centers.~~

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