

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the sickle cell program; amending
 3 s. 381.815, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health
 4 to establish a grant program for the prevention, care,
 5 and treatment of sickle cell disease and sickle cell
 6 trait or sickle cell trait carriers and for
 7 educational programs and develop application criteria
 8 and standards of eligibility for such program;
 9 providing applicability; requiring the department to
 10 develop and maintain a voluntary registry and to
 11 conduct a specified study; requiring the department to
 12 adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

21 381.815 Sickle cell ~~Sickle-cell~~ program; voluntary
 22 registry.—The Department of Health shall, to the extent that
 23 resources are available:

24 (3)(a)1. Establish a grant program for the prevention,
 25 care, and treatment of sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait

26 or sickle cell trait carriers and for community-based
27 educational programs concerning the disease.

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

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

35 1. Groups or organizations that meet the eligibility
36 standards developed by the department may apply for funds under
37 the program.

38 2.a. Priority for grants shall be given to established
39 sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait or sickle cell trait
40 carrier community-based applicants throughout the state.

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

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

50 (d) Conduct a study to determine the prevalence, impact,

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51 and needs of patients diagnosed with sickle cell disease or
 52 sickle cell trait or sickle cell trait carriers in the state.

53 (e) Adopt rules necessary to implement this subsection.

54 ~~(3) Make grants or enter into contracts with not-for-profit~~
 55 ~~centers.~~

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