

HB 1443

2026

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the Parkinson's disease registry; amending s. 1004.4352, F.S.; defining the term "health care provider"; authorizing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to each appoint one member to the Parkinson's Disease Research Board; requiring the board, subject to appropriation, to contract with a private entity to establish and maintain a statewide Parkinson's disease registry; providing requirements for such registry and private entity; providing limited liability for health care providers under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 1004.4352, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraph (c) is added to subsection (3), and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

1004.4352 Parkinson's disease research.-

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

(c) "Health care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459.

(4) CONSORTIUM FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH.—

26       (b) The Parkinson's Disease Research Board is established  
27 to direct the operations of the consortium. The board shall be  
28 composed of members representing each participating university  
29 or academic medical center, appointed by the president or chief  
30 executive officer of each participating university or academic  
31 medical center, and the President of the Senate and the Speaker  
32 of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member.  
33 Board members must have experience in a variety of scientific  
34 fields, including, but not limited to, neurology, psychology,  
35 nutrition, and genetics. Members shall be appointed to 4-year  
36 terms and may be reappointed to serve additional terms. The  
37 chair shall be elected by the board from among its members to  
38 serve a 2-year term. The board shall meet at least semiannually  
39 at the call of the chair or, in his or her absence or  
40 incapacity, the vice chair. Four members constitute a quorum. A  
41 majority vote of the members present is required for all actions  
42 of the board. The board may prescribe, amend, and repeal a  
43 charter governing the manner in which it conducts its business.  
44 Board members shall serve without compensation, but are entitled  
45 to receive reimbursement for travel expenses by the consortium  
46 or the organization he or she represents in accordance with s.  
47 112.061.

48       (5) PARKINSON'S DISEASE REGISTRY.—

49       (a) Subject to a specific appropriation, the board shall  
50 contract with a private entity to establish and maintain a

51 statewide Parkinson's disease registry to ensure that the  
52 Parkinson's disease performance measures required to be  
53 submitted under paragraph (b) are maintained and available for  
54 use to improve or modify the Parkinson's disease care system,  
55 ensure compliance with standards and nationally recognized  
56 guidelines, and monitor Parkinson's disease patient outcomes.

57 (b) Health care providers shall regularly report to the  
58 statewide Parkinson's disease registry information containing  
59 nationally recognized Parkinson's disease performance measures.

60 (c) The board shall require the contracted private entity  
61 to use a nationally recognized platform to collect data from  
62 health care providers on the Parkinson's disease performance  
63 measures required in paragraph (b). The contracted private  
64 entity shall provide regular reports to the board on the data  
65 collected.

66 (d) A liability of any kind or character for damages or  
67 other relief may not arise or be enforced against any health  
68 care provider by reason of having provided such information to  
69 the statewide Parkinson's disease registry.

70 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.