

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to diabetes research; creating s.
3 1004.562, F.S.; establishing the University of Florida
4 Diabetes Institute within the University of Florida
5 College of Medicine; providing the purpose of the
6 institute; providing requirements for the institute;
7 authorizing the institute to administer statewide
8 pilot programs; requiring the institute to maintain a
9 secure repository for deidentified data; authorizing
10 the institute to share deidentified data under certain
11 conditions; authorizing the institute to convene a
12 consortium; providing requirements for the consortium;
13 authorizing the consortium to solicit funding from
14 certain sources for certain purposes; requiring the
15 institute to provide a report to the Governor and the
16 Legislature beginning on a specified date and annually
17 thereafter; providing requirements for the report;
18 providing construction; providing an effective date.

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

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22 **Section 1. Section 1004.562, Florida Statutes, is created**
23 **to read:**

24 1004.562 University of Florida Diabetes Institute.—

25 (1) The University of Florida Diabetes Institute is

26 established within the University of Florida College of Medicine
27 as a resource for diabetes research, screening, prevention,
28 treatment, and education. The purpose of the institute is to
29 advance scientific discovery, improve prevention and clinical
30 care, and promote education and outreach related to all forms of
31 diabetes, including type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes,
32 gestational diabetes, and related metabolic conditions.

33 (2) The institute shall do all of the following:

34 (a) Conduct research to understand the causes, mechanisms,
35 and potential cures for diabetes, including autoimmune, genetic,
36 and environmental factors.

37 (b) Develop advanced prevention, diagnostic, and treatment
38 strategies to reduce the incidence and complications of diabetes
39 in children and adults.

40 (c) Provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary clinical care
41 to individuals living with diabetes, including patient and
42 family education, nutrition counseling, mental health support,
43 and disease management resources.

44 (d) Train and educate health care professionals, including
45 physicians, nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, and scientists, to
46 expand expertise in diabetes care and research.

47 (e) Establish collaborations with state universities,
48 medical centers, patient advocacy groups, community
49 organizations, and government agencies to enhance care and
50 accelerate progress toward diabetes prevention and cures.

51 (f) Engage in community-based outreach and education
52 programs to increase awareness, reduce disparities in diabetes
53 outcomes, and promote healthier lifestyles.

54 (3) (a) The institute may establish and administer
55 statewide pilot programs, including, but not limited to,
56 population-based diabetes screening, prevention initiatives, and
57 technology-driven management tools.

58 (b) The institute shall maintain a secure data repository
59 to collect, store, and analyze deidentified data for the purpose
60 of advancing diabetes research, prevention, and care.

61 (c) The institute may provide deidentified data, pursuant
62 to data-sharing agreements, to research collaborators to support
63 ongoing and future scientific investigations.

64 (4) (a) The institute may convene a statewide diabetes
65 research and care consortium composed of clinical and academic
66 experts, health care providers, and patient representatives to
67 coordinate research, share expertise, and develop innovative
68 care models.

69 (b) The consortium shall, upon being convened, be
70 administered at the institute under the direction of the
71 institute's executive leadership.

72 (c) The consortium may solicit funding from public,
73 nonprofit, and private sources to expand programs, research
74 initiatives, and community services.

75 (5) Beginning October 15, 2027, and annually thereafter,

76 | the institute shall provide a report to the Governor, the
77 | President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
78 | Representatives which includes all of the following:

79 | (a) Research projects and findings.

80 | (b) Clinical services provided and patient outcomes.

81 | (c) Community outreach and prevention initiatives.

82 | (d) Recommendations for future initiatives.

83 | (6) This section shall be implemented to the extent of
84 | appropriations provided in the annual General Appropriations Act
85 | or from other available funds.

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