

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 2138

An act relating to the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program within the Department of Health; amending s. 381.91, F.S.; expanding the program statewide; deleting references to pilot programs; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 381.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.91 Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program.—

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to:

(a) Reduce the rates of illness and death from lung cancer and other cancers and improve the quality of life among low-income African-American and Hispanic populations through increased access to early, effective screening and diagnosis, education, and treatment programs.

(b) Create a community faith-based disease-prevention program in conjunction with the Health Choice Network and other community health centers to build upon the natural referral and education networks in place within minority communities and to increase access to health service delivery in ~~South~~ Florida.

(c) Establish a funding source to build upon local private participation to sustain the operation of the program.

(2)(a) There is created the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program, to be located, for administrative purposes, within the Department of Health, and operated in the community health centers within the Health Choice Network in ~~South~~ Florida.

(b) Funding may will be provided to develop contracts with community health centers and local community faith-based education programs to provide cancer screening, diagnosis, education, and treatment services to low-income populations throughout the state. ~~Pilot programs will be initially created in the communities of Goulds, Naranja, Coconut Grove, Liberty City, and East Little Havana in Dade County and Dunbar in Lee County.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved by the Governor June 17, 2004.

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