

## Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1722

An act relating to multiservice senior centers; creating s. 430.901, F.S.; providing a definition and purposes of a “multiservice senior center”; renumbering and amending s. 430.206, F.S.; providing for certain accreditation; amending s. 430.203, F.S.; repealing a definition of “multiservice senior center,” to conform; amending s. 430.205, F.S.; providing that activities of a community care service area may be directed from a multiservice senior center as defined in s. 430.901, F.S.; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 430.901, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

430.901 ~~430.206~~ Multiservice senior center; definition; purpose.—A “multiservice senior center” is:

(1) A community facility that is a focal point for the organization and provision of a broad spectrum of services suited to the diverse needs and interests of independent older persons, which may include nutritional meals; health, mental health, social, wellness, respite care, and education services; and recreational activities.

(2) An entity that may partner with an aging resource center to provide for easier access to long-term-care services by seniors and their families who reside within the local community.

(3) A setting that provides opportunities that enable participants to stay connected to their communities and their support networks.

(4) Designed to offer preventive screenings, activities, and services that may divert seniors from more extensive in-home services and help reduce, delay, or prevent premature institutionalization.

Section 2. Section 430.206, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as section 430.902, Florida Statutes, and amended to read:

430.902 ~~430.206~~ Multiservice senior center.—

(1) If practicable, multiservice senior center services shall be available to functionally impaired elderly persons.

(2) If feasible, a multiservice senior center ~~should~~ ~~must~~ be centrally located and easily accessible to public transportation. Provision may be made for transporting persons to the center. A center shall be designed to provide ease of access and use by seniors with varying levels of physical abilities, ~~considering the infirmities of elderly persons.~~

(3)(a) Each multiservice senior center is encouraged to have on the premises at all times a functioning automated external defibrillator.

(b) Multiservice senior centers that provide automated external defibrillators shall ensure that personnel are properly trained in accordance with s. 401.2915.

(c) The location of each automated external defibrillator shall be registered with a local emergency medical services medical director.

(d) The use of automated external defibrillators by employees and volunteers shall be covered under the provisions of ss. 768.13 and 768.1325.

~~(4)~~(e) The department may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

(5) Multiservice senior centers are encouraged to seek national accreditation by the National Institute of Senior Centers.

Section 3. Subsections (11), (12), and (13) of section 430.203, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10), (11), and (12), respectively, and subsection (10) of that section is amended to read:

430.203 Community care for the elderly; definitions.—As used in ss. 430.201-430.207, the term:

~~(10) “Multiservice senior center” means a community facility for the organization and provision of a broad spectrum of services, which shall include provision of health, including mental health, social, nutritional, and education services, and the provision of facilities for recreational activities for persons 60 years of age or older.~~

Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 430.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

430.205 Community care service system.—

(2) Core services and other support services may be furnished by public or private agencies or organizations. Each community care service system must be under the direction of a lead agency that coordinates the activities of individual contracting agencies providing community-care-for-the-elderly services. When practicable, the activities of a community care service area may ~~must~~ be directed from a multiservice senior center, as defined in s. 430.901, and coordinated with other services offered therein. This subsection does not require programs in existence prior to the effective date of this act to be relocated.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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