

## Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1269

An act relating to breast cancer detection and screening; creating s. 381.932, F.S.; providing definitions; establishing a breast cancer early detection and treatment referral program within the Department of Health; providing purposes of the program; requiring the department to provide information regarding breast cancer and referrals for screening and treatment; requiring the State Surgeon General to submit a report to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 381.932, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

381.932 Breast cancer early detection and treatment referral program.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term:

(a) “Breast cancer screening and referral services” means necessary breast cancer screening and referral services for a procedure intended to treat cancer of the human breast, including, but not limited to, surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, and related medical followup services.

(b) “Unserved or underserved populations” means women who are:

1. At or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level for individuals;
2. Without health insurance that covers breast cancer screenings; and
3. Nineteen to 64 years of age, inclusive.

(2) There is established, within existing or specific appropriations, a breast cancer early detection and treatment referral program within the Department of Health. The purposes of the program are to:

(a) Promote referrals for the screening, detection, and treatment of breast cancer among unserved or underserved populations.

(b) Educate the public regarding breast cancer and the benefits of early detection.

(c) Provide referral services for persons seeking treatment.

(3) The program shall include, but not be limited to, the:

(a) Establishment of a public education and outreach initiative to publicize breast cancer early detection services, the benefits of early detection of breast cancer, and the recommended frequency for receiving screening services, including clinical breast examinations and mammography guidelines established by the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

(b) Development of professional education programs that include information regarding the benefits of the early detection of breast cancer and the recommended frequency for receiving a mammogram, as recommended in the most current breast cancer screening guidelines established by the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

(c) Establishment of a system to track and monitor all women screened for breast cancer in the program. The system shall include, but not be limited to, monitoring abnormal screening tests, referring women for treatment when needed, and tracking women to be screened at recommended screening intervals.

(4) The State Surgeon General shall submit an annual report to the appropriate substantive committees of the Legislature. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the rate of breast cancer morbidity and mortality in the state and the extent to which women are participating in breast cancer screening as reported by the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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