

CHAPTER 2010-34

Council Substitute for House Bill No. 889

An act relating to biomedical research; repealing s. 381.0404, F.S., relating to the Center for Health Technologies; repealing s. 381.85, F.S., relating to the Florida Biomedical and Social Research Act; amending s. 381.855, F.S., relating to the Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease; revising advisory council membership to conform to changes made by the act; repealing s. 381.912, F.S., relating to the Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force; repealing s. 381.92, F.S., relating to the Florida Cancer Council; transferring and amending s. 381.921, F.S., relating to Florida Cancer Council mission and duties to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 381.922, F.S., relating to the William G. “Bill” Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program, to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 381.0404, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 2. Section 381.85, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 381.855, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.855 Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease.—

(5) There is established within the center an advisory council that shall meet at least annually.

(a) The council shall consist of one representative from a Florida not-for-profit institution engaged in basic and clinical biomedical research and education which receives more than \$10 million in annual grant funding from the National Institutes of Health, to be appointed by the State Surgeon General from a different institution each term, and one representative from and appointed by each of the following entities:

1. Enterprise Florida, Inc.
2. BioFlorida.
3. The Biomedical Research Advisory Council.
4. The Florida Medical Foundation.
5. Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.
- ~~6. The Florida Cancer Council.~~
- 6.7. The American Cancer Society, Florida Division, Inc.

- ~~7.8.~~ The American Heart Association.
- ~~8.9.~~ The American Lung Association of Florida.
- ~~9.10.~~ The American Diabetes Association, South Coastal Region.
- ~~10.11.~~ The Alzheimer’s Association.
- ~~11.12.~~ The Epilepsy Foundation.
- ~~12.13.~~ The National Parkinson Foundation.
- ~~13.14.~~ The Florida Public Health Institute, Inc.
- ~~14.15.~~ The Florida Research Consortium.

Section 4. Section 381.912, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 5. Section 381.92, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 6. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 381.922, Florida Statutes, are amended, and section 381.921, Florida Statutes is transferred to subsection (2) of that section and amended, to read:

381.922 William G. “Bill” Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program.—

(2) The program shall provide grants for cancer research to further the search for cures for cancer.

(a) Emphasis shall be given to the following goals ~~enumerated in s. 381.921~~, as those goals support the advancement of such cures:—

~~381.921 Florida Cancer Council mission and duties.—The council, which shall work in concert with the Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease to ensure that the goals of the center are advanced, shall endeavor to dramatically improve cancer research and treatment in this state through:~~

1.(1) Efforts to significantly expand cancer research capacity in the state by:

a.(a) Identifying ways to attract new research talent and attendant national grant-producing researchers to cancer research facilities in this state;

b.(b) Implementing a peer-reviewed, competitive process to identify and fund the best proposals to expand cancer research institutes in this state;

c.(c) Funding through available resources for those proposals that demonstrate the greatest opportunity to attract federal research grants and private financial support;

d.(d) Encouraging the employment of bioinformatics in order to create a cancer informatics infrastructure that enhances information and resource exchange and integration through researchers working in diverse disciplines, to facilitate the full spectrum of cancer investigations;

e.(e) Facilitating the technical coordination, business development, and support of intellectual property as it relates to the advancement of cancer research; and

f.(f) Aiding in other multidisciplinary research-support activities as they inure to the advancement of cancer research.

2.(2) Efforts to improve both research and treatment through greater participation in clinical trials networks by:

a.(a) Identifying ways to increase adult enrollment in cancer clinical trials;

b.(b) Supporting public and private professional education programs designed to increase the awareness and knowledge about cancer clinical trials;

c.(c) Providing tools to cancer patients and community-based oncologists to aid in the identification of cancer clinical trials available in the state; and

d.(d) Creating opportunities for the state’s academic cancer centers to collaborate with community-based oncologists in cancer clinical trials networks.

3.(3) Efforts to reduce the impact of cancer on disparate groups by:

a.(a) Identifying those cancers that disproportionately impact certain demographic groups; and

b.(b) Building collaborations designed to reduce health disparities as they relate to cancer.

(b) Preference may be given to grant proposals that foster collaborations among institutions, researchers, and community practitioners, as such proposals support the advancement of cures through basic or applied research, including clinical trials involving cancer patients and related networks.

(5) Funds appropriated for the William G. “Bill” Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program shall be distributed pursuant to this section to provide grants to researchers seeking cures for cancer and cancer-related illnesses, with emphasis given to the goals enumerated in this section s. 381.921. From the total funds appropriated, an amount of up to 10 percent may be used for administrative expenses. In the 2009-2010 fiscal year, 2.5 percent, not to exceed \$25 million, of the revenue deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund pursuant to s. 215.5602(12)(a) shall be transferred to the

Biomedical Research Trust Fund within the Department of Health for the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program.

Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor May 7, 2010.

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