

CHAPTER 2012-122

Senate Bill No. 1958

An act relating to the Department of Health; amending s. 945.602, F.S.; assigning, for administrative purposes, the Correctional Medical Authority to the Executive Office of the Governor, rather than the Department of Health; reducing the membership of the authority; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; deleting an obsolete provision; providing for a transfer of the administration of the Correctional Medical Authority from the Department of Health to the Executive Office of the Governor; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 945.602, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

945.602 State of Florida Correctional Medical Authority; creation; members.—

(1) There is created the State of Florida Correctional Medical Authority, which for administrative purposes shall be assigned to the Executive Office of the Governor ~~Department of Health~~. The governing board of the authority shall be composed of ~~seven~~ nine persons appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. One member must be a member of the Florida Hospital Association; ~~one member must be a member of the Florida League of Hospitals; one member must be a member of the Association of Community Hospitals and Health Systems of Florida;~~ and one member must be a member of the Florida Medical Association. The authority shall contract with the Executive Office of the Governor ~~Department of Health~~ for the provision of administrative support services, including purchasing, personnel, general services, and budgetary matters. The authority ~~is~~ shall not be subject to control, supervision, or direction by the Executive Office of the Governor ~~Department of Health~~ or the Department of Corrections. The authority shall annually elect one member to serve as chair. Members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years each. Each member may ~~is authorized to~~ continue to serve upon the expiration of his or her term until a successor is duly appointed as provided in this section. Before entering upon his or her duties, each member of the authority shall take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation required by the State Constitution.

(3) ~~Effective for new appointments after July 1, 1996,~~ At least one member of the authority must be a physician licensed under chapter 458, and one member of the authority may be a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459. At least two other members of the authority must have had at least 5 years' experience in health care administration.

Section 2. All powers, duties, functions, records, offices, personnel, associated administrative support positions, property, pending issues, existing contracts, administrative authority, and administrative rules relating to the State of Florida Correctional Medical Authority in the Department of Health are transferred to the Executive Office of the Governor.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor April 20, 2012.

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