

CHAPTER 2026-9

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1443

An act relating to the Parkinson's disease registry; creating ss. 458.352, 459.075, and 464.0124 F.S.; requiring physicians and advanced practice registered nurses to report certain information to the Parkinson's disease registry; providing limited liability for physicians and advanced practice registered nurses under certain circumstances; amending s. 1004.4352, F.S.; requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to each appoint one member to the Parkinson's Disease Research Board; revising membership qualifications and terms; revising report requirements; requiring the Institute for Parkinson's Disease within the University of South Florida, subject to appropriation, to establish and maintain a statewide Parkinson's disease registry; providing requirements for such registry; requiring the institute to create and maintain a Parkinson's disease registry-specific website; providing requirements for such website; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 458.352, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

458.352 Parkinson's disease registry; reporting requirement.—

(1) Beginning January 1, 2027, each physician who diagnoses or treats a patient for Parkinson's disease or atypical parkinsonism shall report to the statewide Parkinson's disease registry, established pursuant to s. 1004.4352, information containing nationally recognized Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism performance measures.

(2) A liability of any kind or character for damages or other relief may not arise or be enforced against a physician by reason of having provided such information to the statewide Parkinson's disease registry.

Section 2. Section 459.075, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

459.075 Parkinson's disease registry; reporting requirement.—

(1) Beginning January 1, 2027, each physician who diagnoses or treats a patient for Parkinson's disease or atypical parkinsonism shall report to the statewide Parkinson's disease registry, established pursuant to s. 1004.4352, information containing nationally recognized Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism performance measures.

(2) A liability of any kind or character for damages or other relief may not arise or be enforced against a physician by reason of having provided such information to the statewide Parkinson's disease registry.

Section 3. Section 464.0124, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

464.0124 Parkinson's disease registry; advanced practice registered nurse reporting requirement.—

(1) Beginning January 1, 2027, each advanced practice registered nurse who diagnoses or treats a patient for Parkinson's disease or atypical parkinsonism shall report to the statewide Parkinson's disease registry, established pursuant to s. 1004.4352, information containing nationally recognized Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism performance measures.

(2) A liability of any kind or character for damages or other relief may not arise or be enforced against an advanced practice registered nurse by reason of having provided such information to the statewide Parkinson's disease registry.

Section 4. Paragraphs (b) and (e) of subsection (4) of section 1004.4352, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

1004.4352 Parkinson's disease research.—

(4) CONSORTIUM FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE RESEARCH.—

(b) The Parkinson's Disease Research Board is established to direct the operations of the consortium. The board shall be composed of one member appointed by the President of the Senate, one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and members representing each participating university or academic medical center, appointed by the president or chief executive officer of each participating university or academic medical center. Board members, other than those appointed by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, must have experience as a movement disorder specialist and in informatics or population health research and Parkinson's disease research in a variety of ~~scientific fields, including, but not limited to, neurology, psychology, nutrition, and genetics.~~ Members shall be appointed to 3-year ~~4-year~~ terms and may be reappointed to serve additional terms. The chair shall be elected by the board from among its members to serve a 2-year term. The board shall meet at least semiannually at the call of the chair or, in his or her absence or incapacity, the vice chair. Four members constitute a quorum. A majority vote of the members present is required for all actions of the board. The board may prescribe, amend, and repeal a charter governing the manner in which it conducts its business. Board members shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to receive reimbursement for travel expenses by the consortium or the organization he or she represents in accordance with s. 112.061.

(e) By October 15 of each year, the board shall issue a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of

~~Representatives on research projects, research findings, and community outreach initiatives conducted or funded by, and future plans for the consortium. Beginning on October 15, 2028, and annually thereafter, the report shall include a summary update on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism in the state by county, how many records have been included and reported into the registry, and demographic information such as patients by age, gender, and race.~~

(5) PARKINSON'S DISEASE REGISTRY.—

(a) Subject to a specific appropriation, the Florida Institute for Parkinson's Disease within the University of South Florida shall establish and maintain a statewide Parkinson's disease registry to ensure that the Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism performance measures required to be submitted under paragraph (b) are maintained and available for use to improve or modify the Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism care system, ensure compliance with standards and nationally recognized guidelines, and monitor Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism patient outcomes.

(b) Physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, pursuant to ss. 458.352 and 459.075, and advanced practice registered nurses, pursuant to s. 464.0124, shall regularly report to the statewide Parkinson's disease registry information containing nationally recognized Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism performance measures.

(c) Beginning January 1, 2028, the Institute for Parkinson's Disease within the University of South Florida shall create and maintain a public website dedicated solely to the Parkinson's disease registry which must include, at a minimum, downloadable annual reports on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease and atypical parkinsonism, information on the consortium, and other information as determined by the board. The website shall be updated on or before January 1, 2029, and annually thereafter.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor March 27, 2026.

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