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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Health Care recommends the following:

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Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention

Program within the Department of Health; amending s.

381.91, F.S.; expanding the program statewide; authorizing funding for the development of contracts; deleting references to pilot programs; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 381.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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381.91 Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program. --

17 18 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to:

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and other cancers and improve the quality of life among lowincome African-American and Hispanic populations through increased access to early, effective screening and diagnosis,

Reduce the rates of illness and death from lung cancer

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education, and treatment programs.

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(b) Create a community faith-based disease-prevention program in conjunction with the Health Choice Network and other community health centers to build upon the natural referral and education networks in place within minority communities and to increase access to health service delivery in South Florida.

- (c) Establish a funding source to build upon local private participation to sustain the operation of the program.
- (2)(a) There is created the Jessie Trice Cancer Prevention Program, to be located, for administrative purposes, within the Department of Health, and operated from the community health centers within the Health Choice Network in South Florida.
- (b) Funding may will be provided to develop contracts with community health centers and local community faith-based education programs to provide cancer screening, diagnosis, education, and treatment services to low-income populations throughout the state. Pilot programs will be initially created in the communities of Goulds, Naranja, Coconut Grove, Liberty City, and East Little Havana in Dade County and Dunbar in Lee County.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.