## Florida Senate - 2007

CS for CS for SB 2260

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{By}}$  the Committees on Governmental Operations; Health Policy; and Senator Peaden

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Department of Health;
3	amending s. 20.43, F.S.; deleting the
4	designation of Secretary of Health and
5	including the designation of State Surgeon
6	General as the head of the Department of
7	Health; providing requirements for the
8	position; providing duties for the State
9	Surgeon General; conforming references;
10	amending s. 381.0605, F.S.; clarifying that the
11	Surgeon General referred to in s. 381.0605,
12	F.S., is the Surgeon General of the United
13	States; requiring the Division of Statutory
14	Revision of the Office of Legislative Services
15	to change references to the Secretary of Health
16	to the Surgeon General within the Florida
17	Statutes; providing an effective date.
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21	Section 1. Subsections $(2)$ , $(5)$ , and $(6)$ of section
22	20.43, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
23	20.43 Department of HealthThere is created a
24	Department of Health.
25	(2)(a) The head of the Department of Health is the
26	<u>State Surgeon General</u> <del>Secretary of Health</del> and State Health
27	Officer. The <u>State Surgeon General</u> <del>secretary</del> must be a
28	physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 who has
29	advanced training or extensive experience in public health
30	administration. The <u>State Surgeon General</u> <del>secretary</del> is
31	appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the
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1	Senate. The <u>State Surgeon General</u> <del>secretary</del> serves at the
2	pleasure of the Governor. <u>The State Surgeon General shall</u>
3	serve as the leading voice on wellness and disease-prevention
4	efforts, including the promotion of healthful lifestyles,
5	immunization practices, health literacy, and the assessment
6	and promotion of the physician and health care workforce in
7	order to meet the health care needs of the state. The State
8	Surgeon General shall focus on advocating healthy lifestyles,
9	developing public health policy, and building collaborative
10	partnerships with schools, businesses, health care
11	practitioners, community-based organizations, and public and
12	private institutions in order to promote health literacy and
13	optimum quality of life for all Floridians.
14	(b) The Officer of Women's Health Strategy is
15	established within the Department of Health and shall report
16	directly to the <u>State Surgeon General</u> <del>secretary</del> .
17	(5) The department shall plan and administer its
18	public health programs through its county health departments
19	and may, for administrative purposes and efficient service
20	delivery, establish up to 15 service areas to carry out such
21	duties as may be prescribed by the <u>State Surgeon General</u>
22	secretary. The boundaries of the service areas shall be the
23	same as, or combinations of, the service districts of the
24	Department of Children and Family Services established in s.
25	20.19 and, to the extent practicable, shall take into
26	consideration the boundaries of the jobs and education
27	regional boards.
28	(6) The <u>State Surgeon General</u> <del>secretary</del> and division
29	directors are authorized to appoint ad hoc advisory committees
30	as necessary. The issue or problem that the ad hoc committee
31	shall address, and the timeframe within which the committee is
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1 to complete its work, shall be specified at the time the 2 committee is appointed. Ad hoc advisory committees shall include representatives of groups or entities affected by the 3 issue or problem that the committee is asked to examine. 4 5 Members of ad hoc advisory committees shall receive no 6 compensation, but may, within existing departmental resources, 7 receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in s. 8 112.061. Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 381.0605, Florida 9 Statutes, is amended to read: 10 381.0605 Survey of state hospital facilities; Agency 11 12 for Health Care Administration .--13 (2) The Governor is authorized to provide for carrying out such purposes in accordance with the standards prescribed 14 by the Surgeon General of the United States. 15 16 Section 3. The Division of Statutory Revision of the 17 Office of Legislative Services shall change "Secretary of 18 Health" or "Secretary of the Department of Health" to "State Surgeon General and change "secretary, with respect to that 19 department, to "State Surgeon General" wherever the same 2.0 21 appears in Florida Statutes. 22 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 23 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN 2.4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 25 CS/SB 2260 26 Modifies duties of the State Surgeon General. Includes duty to 27 promote healthy lifestyles, immunization practices, health 2.8 literacy, and the assessment and promotion of the physician and health care workforce in order to meet the health care 29 needs of the state. 30 31

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