

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 5015C PCB PBC 07C-08 Alzheimer's Disease Research
SPONSOR(S): Policy & Budget Council and Bean
TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

HB 5015C amends section 1004.445(12), Florida Statutes (F.S.), by reducing the amount of recurring general revenue funding annually appropriated to the Department of Elderly Affairs for use by the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute. Specifically, the legislation reduces the annual \$15 million appropriation made to the department by \$7.5 million, consistent with a corresponding reduction in the Special Appropriations Act (House Bill 5001C, 2007C special session).

The bill takes effect upon becoming law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

Provide Limited Government—The bill reduces the amount of recurring general revenue funding appropriated to the Department of Elderly Affairs for use by the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute

The Legislature created the Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida in 2002, and subsequently renamed it the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute in 2004.¹ The Legislature established the center as a not-for-profit corporation, and authorized the center to create both not-for-profit or for-profit corporate subsidiaries to fulfill its mission.²

Grants are awarded by the center's board of directors for the purpose of conducting Alzheimer's disease research, following a review of all research proposals by a peer review panel of independent, scientifically qualified individuals.³

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2006-07, the Legislature has appropriated \$15 million in recurring general revenue funding to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA) for use by the Center.⁴ The funding provided to the center is intended to assist the center in its efforts in researching, educating, treating, preventing, and detecting Alzheimer's disease, as well as "providing institutional research grants and investigator-initiated research grants, developing and operating integrated data projects, and providing assistance to statutorily-designated memory disorder clinics as provided under s. 430.502, F.S." From this annual appropriation, not less than 80 percent of the funds are to be expended for these statutorily-prescribed purposes, and not less than 20 percent are to be expended in awarding peer-reviewed investigator-initiated research grants.⁵

Section 1004.445, F.S., expires on January 1, 2011, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature before that date.⁶

Effect of Proposed Legislation

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C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Reduces the annual appropriation made to DOEA for use by the Center by \$7.5 million.

¹ Chapters 2002-387 and 2002-289, Laws of Florida (L.O.F.), and Chapter 2004-2, L.O.F.

² s. 1004.445(2), F.S.

³ s. 1004.445(8), F.S.

⁴ s. 1004.445(12), F.S.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ s. 1004.445(15), F.S.

Section 2: Provides that the legislation is effective upon becoming law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

The legislation reduces the amount of recurring general revenue funding provided annually to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within DOEA for use by the Center by \$7.5 million.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

By reducing the center's funding by \$7.5 million, the center's ability to award research grants to research applicants will be diminished.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because the bill does not: require counties or municipalities to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenue in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR

None submitted.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES