

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to breast cancer detection and screening;  
 3           creating s. 381.932, F.S.; providing definitions;  
 4           establishing a breast cancer early detection and treatment  
 5           referral program within the Department of Health;  
 6           providing purposes of the program; requiring the  
 7           department to provide information regarding breast cancer  
 8           and referrals for screening and treatment; requiring the  
 9           State Surgeon General to submit a report to the  
 10          Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Section 381.932, Florida Statutes, is created  
 15 to read:

16           381.932 Breast cancer early detection and treatment  
 17 referral program.--

18           (1) For purposes of this section, the term:

19           (a) "Breast cancer screening and referral services" means  
 20 necessary breast cancer screening and referral services for a  
 21 procedure intended to treat cancer of the human breast,  
 22 including, but not limited to, surgery, radiation therapy,  
 23 chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, and related medical followup  
 24 services.

25           (b) "Unserved or underserved populations" means women who  
 26 are:

27           1. At or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level  
 28 for individuals;

29        2. Without health insurance that covers breast cancer  
30 screenings; and

31        3. Nineteen to 64 years of age, inclusive.

32        (2) There is established, within existing or specific  
33 appropriations, a breast cancer early detection and treatment  
34 referral program within the Department of Health. The purposes  
35 of the program are to:

36        (a) Promote referrals for the screening, detection, and  
37 treatment of breast cancer among unserved or underserved  
38 populations.

39        (b) Educate the public regarding breast cancer and the  
40 benefits of early detection.

41        (c) Provide referral services for persons seeking  
42 treatment.

43        (3) The program shall include, but not be limited to, the:

44        (a) Establishment of a public education and outreach  
45 initiative to publicize breast cancer early detection services,  
46 the benefits of early detection of breast cancer, and the  
47 recommended frequency for receiving screening services,  
48 including clinical breast examinations and mammography  
49 guidelines established by the United States Preventive Services  
50 Task Force.

51        (b) Development of professional education programs that  
52 include information regarding the benefits of the early  
53 detection of breast cancer and the recommended frequency for  
54 receiving a mammogram, as recommended in the most current breast  
55 cancer screening guidelines established by the United States  
56 Preventive Services Task Force.

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57        (c) Establishment of a system to track and monitor all  
58 women screened for breast cancer in the program. The system  
59 shall include, but not be limited to, monitoring abnormal  
60 screening tests, referring women for treatment when needed, and  
61 tracking women to be screened at recommended screening  
62 intervals.

63        (4) The State Surgeon General shall submit an annual  
64 report to the appropriate substantive committees of the  
65 Legislature. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a  
66 description of the rate of breast cancer morbidity and mortality  
67 in the state and the extent to which women are participating in  
68 breast cancer screening as reported by the Behavioral Risk  
69 Factor Surveillance System.

70        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.