

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

Date: April 29, 1998

Bill Subject: Public Assistance/ Medicaid and Public Health

Prepared By: Senate Committee on Health Care

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment CS/CS/CS/SB 484 -- R235899 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment R235899 adds several provisions not included in the Senate bill as sent to the House. These additions include:

- A complete re-write of part IV of ch. 154, F.S., relating to the Health Care Responsibility Act. This includes a major public policy change regarding county financial responsibilities under this program. This issue was not heard in a Senate committee this Session. (Sections 1-12 of the amendment)
- The type 2 transfer of the Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program, the Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Trust Fund, and the Nursing Scholarship program from the Department of Health to the Department of Education, and incorporating conforming amendments into related statutes. This issue was never heard in a Senate committee. (Sections 15-17 of the amendment)
- Amending s. 381.004(6), F.S., relating to penalty provisions for HIV testing violations, to provide a penalty of felony of the third degree for maliciously or for material gain sharing information that one knew or should have known identifies a person with a sexually transmissible disease (STD), HIV, or AIDS.
- Amending s. 384.34, F.S., relating to penalties related to STDs, to: increase the penalty for the malicious dissemination of false information or reports concerning an STD from a misdemeanor of the second degree to a felony of the third degree; provide a penalty of a felony of the first degree for multiple violations relating to the unlawful transmission of HIV; provide a penalty of felony of the third degree for maliciously or for material gain sharing information that one knew or should have known identifies a person with a sexually transmissible disease (STD), HIV, or AIDS.
- Amending s. 409.912(3)(d), F.S., effective January 1, 1999, rather than effective July 1, 1998, as in the Senate bill. This provision deletes a prohibition on federally qualified health center participation in the Medicaid provider service network demonstration project.
- Modifying language relating to county health department reimbursement from Medicaid for school health services - s. 409.9122(2)(a), F.S. The change came at the request of the Agency for Health Care Administration to address a fiscal impact concern.

- Amending s. 627.912, F.S., relating to professional liability claims and actions and reports by insurers, to correct a glitch in the law by requiring any self-insurance program authorized through the Board of Regents that covers professional liability claims for the board, students, and faculty of any university of the State University System, officers and employee, or agents of the board, professional practitioners practicing a profession within, or through their employment with any university of the State University System to report in duplicate to the Department of Insurance any claim or action for damages for personal injuries claimed to have been caused by error, omission, or negligence in performance of professional services of a medical physician, osteopathic physician, podiatrist, or dentist as an agent of the board.
- Providing for the naming of a Marion County Health Department building under construction for Carl S. Lytle, M.D.
- Providing for the act to take effect July 1 of the year enacted, rather than July 1, 1998, as indicated in the Senate bill.