

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Date: March 18, 1998 Revised: _____

Subject: Alzheimer's Disease

| | <u>Analyst</u> | <u>Staff Director</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Action</u> |
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I. Summary:

Senate Bill 1962 provides for the establishment of the tenth memory disorder clinic at St. Mary's Medical Center in Palm Beach County. This bill will take effect upon becoming law.

This bill substantially amends section 430.502, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Originally enacted at s. 2 of Chapter 85-145, Laws of Florida, the Alzheimer's disease memory disorder clinics were to be established at each of the three medical schools in Florida, a major private nonprofit research-oriented teaching hospital, and/or any of the other affiliated teaching hospitals. The purpose of the memory disorder clinics is to conduct research and training in a diagnostic and therapeutic setting for persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related memory disorders.

Currently, s. 430.502(1)(a), F.S. (1997), continues to provide for the original memory disorder clinics. Subsequent amendments to law have resulted in an additional five memory disorder clinics for a current total of nine memory disorder clinics.

Section 430.502(2), F.S., states that it is legislative intent that research conducted by a memory disorder clinic be applied research, service-related, and selected in conjunction with the department. The Department of Elderly Affairs interprets these three components to include: research, both basic and applied; service, to include evaluation and diagnosis; and the training of providers, medical students, staff, and family care givers.

Section 430.502(3), F.S., states that the Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee must evaluate the need for additional memory disorder clinics with the first report due by December 31, 1995. The Department of Elderly Affairs reports that this evaluation never materialized and that there are no written recommendations regarding the need for additional memory disorder clinics.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Senate Bill 1962 provides for the establishment of a memory disorder clinic at St. Mary's Medical Center in Palm Beach County.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Section 430.502(1)(g), F.S., provides that memory disorder clinics, funded as of June 30, 1995, will not receive decreased funding due to the subsequent additions of memory disorder clinics. In the present case, the estimated recurring effects of the establishment of the Palm Beach County Memory Disorder Clinic is \$189,000 per year for each fiscal year through Fiscal Year 1999-2000 if the Legislature chooses to fund it. The Department of Elderly Affairs has submitted a supplemental legislative budget request (LBR) to include this funding. (The Governor's budget did not pick up this supplemental LBR.)

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

It is estimated that there are more than 33,000 cases of probable Alzheimer's disease in Palm Beach County. If a memory disorder clinic is established and funded in Palm Beach County, it will provide evaluation and diagnosis to numerous cognitively impaired persons, as well as provide training to family caregivers and area service providers.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
