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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COUNCIL FOR SMARTER GOVERNMENT
ANALYSIS**

BILL #: HB 1269
RELATING TO: Building designations
SPONSOR(S): Representative Heyman and others

TIED BILL(S):

ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:

- (1) STATE ADMINISTRATION YEAS 14 NAYS 0
 - (2) COUNCIL FOR SMARTER GOVERNMENT YEAS 14 NAYS 0
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I. SUMMARY:

This bill designates the children's medical services building currently under construction in Tallahassee as the "Elaine Gordon Children's Medical Services Building." The Department of Health is directed to erect suitable markers for the building.

Elaine Gordon, who served 22 years in the Florida House of Representatives representing North Miami (District 98), died February 25, 2000. She originally joined the Florida House of Representatives in 1972, and was among the first six women inducted into the Florida Hall of Fame in 1982.

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact upon local government, and has a negligible fiscal impact upon state government.

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II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Current law does not permit a state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or similar facility to be named after a living person unless the name designation is approved by law.¹

Elaine Gordon, who served 22 years in the Florida House of Representatives representing North Miami (District 98), died February 25, 2000. She originally joined the Florida House of Representatives in 1972, and was among the first six women inducted into the Florida Hall of Fame in 1982.

In her second term, she was appointed to chair the Health and Rehabilitative Services Committee, the first woman in Florida history to chair a standing committee in the Legislature. She was also the first woman to chair the House Appropriations Sub-Committee on Health and Rehabilitative Services and Criminal Justice. She also chaired the House Administration Committee. In 1984, she became the first woman in Florida History to become the Speaker Pro-tempore of the House of Representatives, working with Speaker James Harold Thompson.

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill designates the children's medical services building currently under construction in Tallahassee as the "Elaine Gordon Children's Medical Services Building." The Department of health is directed to erect suitable markers for the building.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

See "Effect of Proposed Changes" section of this bill analysis.

¹ Section 267.062, F.S.: "Except as specifically provided by law, no state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility shall be named for any living person."

III. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

Negligible.² The Department of Health is directed to erect suitable markers for the building in question, currently under construction.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

² In a February 15, 2002, phone conversation with Committee staff, the department indicated that due to the fact that it is unknown at this time the type of markers that will be used, and at which or how many entrances, they could not hazard a guess at an approximate dollar amount, but did describe the amount as "negligible." The expected date to occupy the building is May 1, 2002.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VII. SIGNATURES:

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