

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: PCS for SB 14-C

INTRODUCER: Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations and Senator Peaden

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

DATE: October 1, 2007 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Peters	Peters	HA	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

The bill reduces the annual appropriation within the Department of Elder Affairs from \$15 million to \$13.5 million for the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida, beginning in fiscal year 2007-2008.

This bill amends s. 1004.445, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible brain disorder with no known cause or cure. Symptoms of the disease include memory loss, confusion, impaired judgment, personality changes, disorientation, and loss of language skills. Always fatal, Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of irreversible dementia. How rapidly it advances varies from person to person, but it eventually causes confusion, personality and behavior changes and impaired judgment. Communication becomes difficult as the affected person struggles to find words, finish thoughts or follow directions. Most people with Alzheimer's disease become unable to care for themselves.

There is no known treatment that will cure Alzheimer's disease. For those who are currently suffering with the disease, medications can only help control symptoms and/or slow the progression of the disease. Alzheimer's Disease afflicts approximately 5.1 million persons in the United States as of 2007. It is estimated that 360,000 Floridians had Alzheimer's disease in 2000, and this number is expected to reach 450,000 by 2010 (a 25 percent increase). Ninety-six percent

of persons with Alzheimer's Disease are 65 years of age or older.¹ The mortality rate for persons with Alzheimer's Disease has increased over the last few years. Alzheimer's Disease is now the seventh leading cause of death in the United States (65,965 deaths in 2004). While age-adjusted death rates decreased significantly from 2003 to 2004 for 9 of the 15 leading causes of death, significant increases in mortality rates occurred for unintentional injuries, hypertension, and Alzheimer's Disease.²

Section 1004.445, F.S., establishes the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida. This section also requires a not-for-profit corporation to be organized solely for the purpose of governing and operating the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute. Beginning in fiscal year 2006-2007, the sum of \$15 million is appropriated annually from recurring funds in the General Revenue Fund to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the Department of Elder Affairs for the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill reduces the annual appropriation within the Department of Elder Affairs from \$15 million to \$13.5 million for the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida, beginning in fiscal year 2007-2008.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

¹ Alzheimer's Association. Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures 2007. Found at:

http://www.alz.org/national/documents/Report_2007FactsAndFigures.pdf (last visited on September 7, 2007)

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Vital Statistics Reports. "Deaths: Final Data for 2004." August 21, 2007. Found at: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr55/nvsr55_19.pdf (last visited on September 7, 2007)

B. Private Sector Impact:

There may be a reduction in Alzheimer's research.

C. Government Sector Impact:

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VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

B. Amendments:

None.