

The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Health Policy Committee

BILL: SB 896

INTRODUCER: Senator Dawson

SUBJECT: Department of Health

DATE: April 11, 2008

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Garner	Wilson	HP	Pre-meeting
2.			GO	
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I. Summary:

The bill expresses the Legislature's intent to revise laws relating to the Department of Health.

This bill creates one undesignated section of law.

II. Present Situation:

Section 20.43, F.S., creates the Department of Health, specifies the purposes of the department, outlines the organizational structure of the department, and requires the department to plan and administer its public health programs through its county health departments. The State Surgeon General and State Health Officer is the head of the department. Chapter 381, F.S., contains general provisions relating to public health, as administered by the Department of Health. Section 381.0011, F.S., establishes the duties and powers of the Department of Health.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill expresses the Legislature's intent to revise laws relating to the Department of Health.

The effective date of the law is upon becoming a law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on municipalities and the counties under the requirements of Article VII, Section 18 of the Florida Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on public records or open meetings issues under the requirements of Art. I, s. 24(a) and (b) of the Florida Constitution.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

The provisions of this bill have no impact on the trust fund restrictions under the requirements of Article III, Subsection 19(f) of the Florida Constitution.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

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.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.