

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 Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee

BILL: SB 2516

INTRODUCER: Senator Haridopolos

SUBJECT: Memory Disorder Clinics

DATE: March 21, 2008

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Ray	Jameson	CF	Favorable
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I. Summary:

Senate Bill 2516 amends s. 430.502(1)(e), F.S., changing the name of “The East Central Florida Memory Disorder Clinic at the Joint Center for Advanced Therapeutics and Biomedical Research of the Florida Institute of Technology and Holmes Regional Medical Center, Inc.” to “The Memory Disorder Clinic, Inc., operating in Brevard County.”

This bill substantially amends s. 430.502, of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

In 1995, the Legislature designated The East Central Florida Memory Disorder Clinic at the Joint Center for Advanced Therapeutics and Biomedical Research of the Florida Institute of Technology and Holmes Regional Medical Center, Inc. (East Central Florida Memory Clinic or “Clinic”), as one of the memory disorder centers to receive state funding.¹ Recently, the clinic changed its formal, corporate name to the Memory Disorder Clinic, Inc.² There are 15 memory disorder clinics statewide, established for the purpose of conducting research and training for persons suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and related memory disorders.³

As the sixth of 15 memory disorder clinics statewide, the East Central Florida Memory Clinic covers a service area including Brevard, Indian River, Osceola, Southern Volusia, and St. Lucie counties. It is a collaborative effort between Health First, Inc. and the Florida Institute of

¹ Chapter 95-253, L.O.F.

² Health First Memorandum, November 23, 2007 (on file with committee).

³ Section 430.502, F.S.

Technology. Health First, Inc. has overseen the Clinic's fiduciary duties since 1998. As a part of Holmes Regional Medical Center, the Memory Clinic must comply with all the policies and procedures of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAHO) hospital, HIPPA, and Health First.⁴

The Clinic provides services including comprehensive memory evaluations, caregiver education, support groups, and training and assessments for medically at-risk drivers.⁵

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill amends s. 430.502(1)(e), F.S., changing the name of "The East Central Florida Memory Disorder Clinic at the Joint Center for Advanced Therapeutics and Biomedical Research of the Florida Institute of Technology and Holmes Regional Medical Center, Inc." to "The Memory Disorder Clinic, Inc., operating in Brevard County."

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 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.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

⁴ East Central Florida Memory Clinic website: <http://www.ecfmdc.org> (last visited March 17, 2008).

⁵ *Id.*

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.

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