The Silver Tsunami



Senator Gayle Harrell November 15, 2024

Senate Bill 7016 by Senator Colleen Burton

- Expands Graduate Medical Education (GME) Residency Slots by 500
- Creates the Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH) Funding Program
- Expands Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Funding
- Expands Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical and Dental Education

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- Creates a new limited license for graduate assistant physicians (GAP) who have passed the United States Medical Licensing Exam, but not yet attended a residency program.
- Removes barriers for experienced, Foreign-Trained Physicians to practice
- Expands Florida's entry into Interstate Medical Licensure Compacts
 - Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact
 - Physical Therapy Licensure Compact
- Seeks Federal approval for continued use of Hospital at Home

Senate Bill 330 by Senator Jim Boyd

- Creates the designation of behavioral health teaching hospitals
 - Creates a new integrated care and education model to focus on state of the art behavioral health research
 - Provides leading edge education and training for Florida's behavioral health workforce
 - Requires collaboration with other universities, colleges and schools of medicine, nursing, psychology, social work, pharmacy, public health and other disciplines to promote and enhance the behavioral health system
 - Provides inpatient and outpatient behavioral healthcare
- Appropriates \$341,000,000

Senate Bill 7018 by Senator Gayle Harrell

- Supports innovation in health care through strategic investments in health care technology that will help to deliver quality care through more effective and efficient methods.
- Creates the Health Care Innovation Council:
 - a 15-member council within the Florida Department of Health (DOH)
- Creates a revolving loan program within the DOH:
 - Provides funding for applicants seeking to implement innovative solutions,
 - Gives priority for rural hospitals or nonprofits that accept Medicaid patients in rural or medically underserved areas.

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- Term of loan up to 10 years
- Interest rate not to exceed 1 percent.
- · Administered through a third party administrator
- Upon repayment funds will be loaned to new recipient
- Appropriates \$50,000,000 this year and every year for 10 years
- Total to be appropriated over 10 year \$500,000,000

Senate Bill 7072 by Senator Gayle Harrell

- Establishes the Cancer Innovation Fund to
 - Support innovative cancer research and treatment models
 - Priority given to the expansion of innovative cancer treatment models into underserved areas
- Codifies in statute the Cancer Connect Collaborative within the Department of Health
- Responsibilities include:
 - Advise the department and the Legislature on developing a holistic approach to the state's efforts to fund cancer research, cancer facilities, and treatments for cancer patients.

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- Solicit input from cancer centers, research institutions, biomedical education institutions, hospitals, and medical providers make recommendations on proposed legislation, proposed rules, best practices, data collection and reporting
- Recommend grant recipients through the Cancer Innovation Fund
- Develop a long-range comprehensive plan for the Casey DeSantis Program.
- Appropriates an additional \$40 million for cancer research to the current \$240 million (total of over \$280 million)