

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB HSQS 12-01 Health Information Systems Council

SPONSOR(S): Health & Human Services Quality Subcommittee; Ahern

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
Orig. Comm.: Health & Human Services Quality Subcommittee	13 Y, 0 N	Poche	Calamas

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

PCB HSQS 12-01 eliminates the Florida Health Information Systems Council (Council), established by s. 381.90, F.S. The purpose of the Council is to facilitate the collection, analysis, and sharing of health-related data among federal, state, local and private entities. The Council has not taken any official action since 2003. The Council has received no funding in recent years. No new appointments have been made to the Council in the last two years.

The bill appears to have an insignificant, but indeterminate, positive fiscal impact on state government.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2012.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

The Florida Health Information Systems Council (Council) was created in the Department of Health by the Information Resource Management Reform Act of 1997.¹ The purpose of the Council is to coordinate, and provide for, the identification, collection, standardization, and sharing of health-related data among federal, state, local, and private entities.² Members of the Council include:

- The State Surgeon General;
- The Executive Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- The Secretary of Children and Family Services;
- The Secretary of Health Care Administration;
- The Secretary of Corrections;
- The Attorney General;
- The Executive Director of the Corrections Medical Authority;
- One member representing a small county health department and one member representing a large county health department, both appointed by the Governor;
- A representative from the Florida Association of Counties;
- The Chief Financial Officer;
- A representative from the Florida Health Kids Corporation;
- A representative from a school of public health chosen by the Commissioner of Education;
- The Commissioner of Education;
- The Secretary of Elder Affairs; and
- The Secretary of Juvenile Justice.

Representatives from the federal government may also serve on the Council, but do not have voting rights.³ The Council is required to meet at least quarterly, but may also meet at the call of its chair, at the request of a majority of the membership, or at the request of a department.⁴

According to the Department of Health, the Council has continued to meet as required, but takes no official action.⁵ The last meeting of the Council at which any official action was taken occurred on October 22, 2003.⁶ At that meeting, the Council adopted revisions to its Strategic Plan for FY 2004-05 through 2008-09.⁷ However, none of the recommendations contained in the Plan have been implemented over the last 8 years. Lastly, the Council has not received any recent funding, nor have any appointments to the Council been made in the last two years.⁸

¹ See s. 27, ch. 97-286, Laws of Fla.

² S. 381.90(2), F.S.

³ S. 381.90(3), F.S.

⁴ S. 381.90(5), F.S.

⁵ Telephone conference between Department of Health legislative affairs staff and Health and Human Services Quality Subcommittee staff.

⁶ Florida Department of Health, Florida Health Information Systems Council, *Meeting Minutes, October 22, 2003*, available at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/floridahisc/Meetings/102203mts.html> (last viewed on January 21, 2012).

⁷ Department of Health, Florida Health Information Systems Council, *Strategic Plan-Fiscal Years 2004-05 through 2008-09*, May 15, 2003 (revised October 22, 2003), available at

http://www.doh.state.fl.us/floridahisc/Plan/FHISCSP_2003_approved_revision_10_22_2003.pdf (last viewed January 22, 2012).

⁸ See *supra* at FN 7.

Effect of Proposed Changes

PCB HSQS 12-01 eliminates the Council. Elimination of the Council will have little or no effect on the Department of Health because the Council is defunct.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: Repeals s. 381.90, F.S., relating to Health Information Systems Council; legislative intent; creation, appointment, duties.

Section 2: Provides an effective date of July 1, 2012.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

Members of the Council are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.⁹ Elimination of the Council ends these reimbursements, resulting in an insignificant, but indeterminate, savings to the Department of Health.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not Applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

⁹ S. 381.90(6), F.S.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

Not applicable.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES