



Action Packet

Committee on Health Innovation

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Morris Hall (17 HOB)

**Marco Rubio
Speaker**

**Rene Garcia
Chair**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Committee on Health Innovation

1/22/2008 9:30:00AM

Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Rene Garcia (Chair)	X		
James Frishe	X		
Eduardo Gonzalez	X		
Ed Homan	X		
Jimmy Patronis	X		
Ari Porth	X		
Yolly Roberson	X		
Maria Sachs			X
Will Weatherford	X		
Totals:	8	0	1

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HB 71 : Small Business Health Care Insurance Assistance

Favorable With Amendments (1)

	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
James Frishe	X				
Eduardo Gonzalez	X				
Ed Homan	X				
Jimmy Patronis	X				
Ari Porth	X				
Yolly Roberson	X				
Maria Sachs				X	
Will Weatherford	X				
Rene Garcia (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 8		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

(waive in support)

Joanna Bonfanti, Government Affairs (Lobbyist) - Proponent
Florida Chamber of Commerce
136 S. Bronough St.
Tallahassee Florida 32301
Phone: (850) 521-1253

(waive in support)

Sally House, Director of Government Affairs (Lobbyist) - Proponent
Florida Retail Federation
PO Box 10024
Tallahassee Florida 32302
Phone: (850) 222-4082

(waive in support)

Joy Ryan (Lobbyist) - Proponent
American Health Insurance Plans
204 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee Florida 32301
Phone: (850) 681-6710

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Workshop

Newborn Abandonment

Workshopped - Recommended to Healthcare Council as language for a proposed committee bill

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Amendment No. 1 (for drafter's use only)

Bill No. **HB 71**

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	

1 Council/Committee hearing bill: Committee on Health Innovation
 2 Representative(s) Hukill offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 Section 1. Section 408.9095, Florida Statutes, is created
7 to read:

8 408.9095 Small Business Health Care Insurance Assistance
9 Pilot Program.--

10 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage small
11 businesses to provide health coverage to their employees.

12 (2) The Small Business Health Care Insurance Assistance
 13 Pilot Program is created in Pasco County and Volusia County as a
 14 pilot program for a period of 2 years to provide financial
 15 incentives for small businesses that employ more than one but
 16 fewer than six employees and provide health coverage to their
 17 employees through health insurers licensed under chapters 624
 18 and 627, health maintenance organizations licensed under part I
 19 of chapter 641, prepaid limited health service organizations
 20 licensed under chapter 636, prepaid health clinics licensed
 21 under part II of chapter 641, or health flex plans approved
 22 under this chapter.

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23 (a) The amount of the financial incentive shall be \$1,000
24 per each covered employee.

25 (b) A small business shall apply through the Agency for
26 Health Care Administration.

27 (c) A small business is eligible for financial incentives
28 under this section if, at the time of applying for a financial
29 incentive:

30 1. The business employs more than one but fewer than six
31 employees.

32 2. The business began providing coverage to its employees
33 on or after July 1, 2008.

34 3. The business paid for at least 50 percent but less than
35 100 percent of the cost of the coverage for its employees, and
36 the employees shared in the remainder of the cost of the
37 coverage.

38 4. Such coverage has been provided for 12 consecutive
39 months.

40 5. For at least 6 months prior to July 1, 2008, the
41 business had not paid for or provided coverage for any of its
42 employees.

43 (3) The pilot program shall be administered by the Agency
44 for Health Care Administration. The agency shall adopt any rules
45 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 necessary to administer
46 and ensure accountability of the pilot program, enforce
47 compliance with the requirements of the program, and establish
48 documentation requirements for small business applicants to
49 ensure that the total number of employees employed by the small
50 business complies with the requirements of this section. The
51 agency may conduct audits of any business applying for payments
52 under the program to ensure compliance with program
53 requirements.

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54 (4) The agency shall provide financial incentives to
55 eligible businesses if funding is voluntarily provided by local
56 governmental entities within Pasco and Volusia Counties and
57 matching funds equal to the aggregate amounts provided by local
58 governmental entities within each county are provided by the
59 state. The agency shall disburse the allocated financial
60 incentives to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served
61 basis, until 24 months after July 1, 2008, or funding is
62 exhausted, whichever occurs first. The agency shall establish a
63 preapproval process for small businesses that begin providing
64 coverage for employees after July 1, 2008, to provide a payment
65 placeholder if the small business qualifies for the financial
66 incentive at the conclusion of the 12-month consecutive coverage
67 period.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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72 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

73 Remove the entire title and insert:

74 A bill to be entitled

75 An act relating to the Small Business Health Care
76 Insurance Assistance Pilot Program; creating s. 408.9095,
77 F.S.; providing legislative intent; establishing a pilot
78 program in certain counties to provide financial
79 incentives to certain small businesses providing health
80 coverage for employees; providing the length of time of
81 the pilot program; providing for the types of health
82 coverage to be included in the pilot program; specifying
83 the amount of the financial incentives; providing
84 application and eligibility requirements; providing for

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85 administration of the program by the Agency for Health
86 Care Administration; requiring the agency to adopt rules;
87 providing enforcement and audit authority for the agency;
88 requiring the agency to provide financial incentives under
89 certain circumstances; providing criteria and limitations;
90 providing an effective date.

