



## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

**Provide limited government**—The bill consolidates under a single entity, the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program, similar or redundant functions for providing grants for biomedical research.

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

##### Present Situation

Florida Statutes define at least ten different programs with some responsibility for making biomedical research grants. Five other state authorized corporations, commissions, and councils are charged with various responsibilities for generating and awarding research grants, or otherwise stimulating research programs in the state. Another 15 advisory groups and councils are given statutory responsibilities for programs involving medical research. Although connected by a common theme and purpose, these various programs operate independently, sometimes redundantly to focus on selected diseases, narrowly defined objectives, and single-purpose initiatives.

In several of these cases, the legislation provides for annual allocations of state general revenue funds to be used for developing research capabilities or awarding research grants. Annual funding based in statute includes \$9.5 million annually is appropriated to the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program, \$9 million to the William G. Bankhead and David Coley Cancer Research Program, and \$15 million to the Johnny B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer's Institute. Additional funds for research may be allocated through the General Appropriations Act or raised by other means and awarded through various procedures by numerous state-authorized entities.

##### Effect of Proposed Changes

The bill amends the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program to consolidate processes for awarding funds appropriated by the Legislature for biomedical research. To accomplish this purpose, the bill revises provisions relating to funding and broadens the long-term goals of the program. The bill also amends the membership requirements of the Biomedical Research Advisory Council and provides that the council serve as the exclusive source of state funding form biomedical research. The bill requires establishment of certain committees, revises duties of the council and prohibits the use of state funds for certain research with human embryonic stem cells. The bill deletes requirements for other entities to establish and implement grant funding programs and revises or repeals other sections of statute in order to conform to the consolidation of these activities under the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program.

#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends 20.435(h)1,F.S., deleting reference to the William G. "Bill" Bankhead and David Coley Cancer Research Program.

Section 2. Amends 215.5602, F.S., as follows:

- Adding reference to the Biomedical Research Trust Fund pursuant to s. 20.435(1)(h).
- Broadening the purpose of the program to include research into diseases other than those that are tobacco-related.
- Provides that the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program shall be the exclusive source of state funds for biomedical research;
- Revising the membership of the Biomedical Research Advisory Council to expand from 11 to 29 members and names specific organizations to be represented.

- Specifying that the Council shall be the exclusive source of recommendations for grant awards and directs the Council to establish certain committees.
- Expanding the subjects to be covered in the Council's annual report.
- Prohibiting funds appropriated for biomedical research to be used for research with human embryonic stem cells derived from a process resulting from the death or destruction of the donor embryo or human cloning.

Section 3. Amends s. 381.853, F.S., limiting the purposes of the Florida Center for Brain Tumor Research regarding grant awards.

Section 4. Amends s. 381.912, F.S., eliminating references to the Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease.

Section 5 Amends s. 381.92(3), F.S., eliminating references to the Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease.

Section 6. Amends s. 381.921, F.S., eliminating references to the Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease and limiting the mission and duties of the Florida Cancer Council regarding awarding grants for biomedical research.

Section 7. Amends s. 381.98(8) and (12), F.S., eliminating references to the Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease.

Section 8. Repeals s. 381.855, F.S., relating to the William G. "Bill" Bankhead Jr. and the David Coley Cancer Research Program.

Section 9. Provides an effective date.

## **II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

### **A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:**

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

The bill eliminates \$15 million in annual appropriations for biomedical research including \$6 million for the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program and \$9 million for the William G. "Bill" Bankhead Jr. and the David Coley Cancer Research Program.

### **B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:**

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

### **C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:**

Consolidation of process for awarding state funds for biomedical research will make it easier for researchers, including those in the private sector, to identify and apply for available funding.

### **D. FISCAL COMMENTS:**

None.

### **III. COMMENTS**

#### **A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:**

##### **1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:**

This bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds, reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenue in the aggregate, nor reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

##### **2. Other:**

None.

#### **B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:**

No new rule-making authority is necessary.

#### **C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:**

The bill does not include language placing the consolidated funding sources within the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program.

#### **D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR**

### **IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES**