SCS SB 974 -- STATE LEGAL EXPENSE FUND

Under current law, a health care provider who donates services at a free health clinic is covered by the State Legal Expense Fund in the event of a malpractice claim. This bill clarifies that the health care provider's own malpractice insurance is not to pay any portion of a judgment or claim for which the fund is liable. The bill also clarifies that the malpractice insurance coverage by the state includes health care providers conducting free health screenings, in addition to providing treatment.