

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services  
2 Quality Subcommittee  
3 Representative Stargel offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Statewide Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse  
8 and Newborns.-

9 (1) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this act  
10 is to create a task force to examine and analyze the emerging  
11 problem of neonatal withdrawal syndrome as it pertains to  
12 prescription drugs.

13 (2) (a) There is created within the Department of Legal  
14 Affairs the Statewide Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse and  
15 Newborns, a task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes.  
16 The task force is created for the express purpose of researching  
17 the impact of prescription drug use and neonatal withdrawal  
18 syndrome, evaluating effective strategies for treatment and

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19 prevention, and providing policy recommendations to the  
20 Legislature.

21 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members,  
22 or his or her designee:

23 1. The Attorney General who shall serve as chair.

24 2. The Surgeon General who shall serve as vice chair.

25 3. The Secretary of Children and Family Services.

26 4. The Secretary of Health Care Administration.

27 5. The executive director of the Department of Law  
28 Enforcement.

29 6. A legislator appointed by the President of the Senate.

30 7. A legislator appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
31 Representatives.

32 8. A representative from the Florida Medical Association.

33 9. A representative from the Florida Hospital Association.

34 10. A representative, appointed by the Attorney General,  
35 from an addiction and recovery association.

36 11. A representative from the Florida Osteopathic Medical  
37 Association.

38 12. A representative from the March of Dimes.

39 13. A representative of Healthy Start.

40 14. A resident of this state appointed by the Attorney  
41 General.

42 (c) Members of the task force are entitled to receive  
43 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s.  
44 112.061, Florida Statutes.

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45 (d) The Department of Legal Affairs shall provide the task  
46 force with staff necessary to assist the task force in the  
47 performance of its duties.

48 (3) The task force shall hold its organizational session  
49 by May 1, 2012. Thereafter, the task force shall meet at least  
50 four times per year. Additional meetings may be held if the  
51 chair determines that extraordinary circumstances require an  
52 additional meeting. A majority of the members of the task force  
53 constitutes a quorum.

54 (4) The task force shall:

55 (a) Collect and organize data concerning the nature and  
56 extent of neonatal withdrawal syndrome from prescription drugs  
57 in this state;

58 (b) Collect and organize data concerning the costs  
59 associated with treating expectant mothers and newborns  
60 suffering from withdrawal from prescription drugs;

61 (c) Identify available federal, state, and local programs  
62 that provide services to mothers who abuse prescription drugs  
63 and newborns who have neonatal withdrawal syndrome; and

64 (d) Evaluate methods to increase public awareness of the  
65 dangers associated with prescription drug abuse, particularly to  
66 women, expectant mothers, and newborns.

67 (5) The task force shall submit an interim report of its  
68 recommendations to the President of the Senate and the Speaker  
69 of the House of Representatives by January 15, 2013, and a final  
70 report of its recommendations by January 15, 2015.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.  
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Remove the entire title and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to prescription drug abuse; creating the Statewide Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse and Newborns; providing a purpose; providing membership of the task force; providing for reimbursement of per diem and travel expenses for members of the task force; requiring that the Department of Legal Affairs provide the task force with necessary staff; specifying a date for the task force's organizational session; providing meeting times; providing the duties of the task force; requiring that the task force submit reports to the Legislature; providing an effective date.