

Bill No. HB 2125, 2nd Eng.

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Senator Saunders moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 68, between lines 27 and 28,

insert:

Section 57. (1) There is established a seven-member task force to review sources of funds deposited into the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund as created by section 409.918, Florida Statutes. The task force shall consist of:

(a) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom must be a member of the Senate and one of whom must represent a hospital subject to the assessment imposed under section 395.701, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, or section 394.4786, Florida Statutes;

(b) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom must be a member of the House and one of whom must represent a health care entity subject to the assessment imposed under section 395.7015, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement;

(c) Three members appointed by the Governor, one of

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1 whom must be the Director of the Agency for Health Care  
2 Administration, or his or her designee; one of whom must be a  
3 medical doctor licensed to practice in the state; and one of  
4 whom must be a consumer who has no employment or investment  
5 interest in any health care entity subject to the assessment  
6 imposed for deposit into the Public Medical Assistance Trust  
7 Fund and who is a representative of Florida TaxWatch.

8 (2) The Governor shall designate the task force chair  
9 from among the members.

10 (3) The task force shall consider and make specific  
11 recommendations concerning, but not limited to:

12 (a) Whether any provisions of sections 395.701,  
13 395.7015, and 409.918, Florida Statutes, need to be revised;

14 (b) Whether the annual assessments imposed by these  
15 statutes on the various health care entities are imposed  
16 equitably;

17 (c) Whether additional exemptions from, or inclusions  
18 within, the assessments are justified; and

19 (d) The extent to which modifications to other  
20 statutory provisions that require deposit of specified revenue  
21 into the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund, including, but  
22 not limited to, sections 210.20, 395.1041, 408.040, and  
23 408.08, Florida Statutes, could result in increased revenue  
24 for the trust fund.

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26 The task force shall provide an analysis of the budgetary  
27 impact of any recommended exemptions from, inclusions within,  
28 or modifications to existing assessments.

29 (4) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
30 provide necessary staff support and technical assistance to  
31 the task force.

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1           (5) The task force shall convene by August 1, 1999,  
2 for its first meeting, and shall submit its findings and  
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
4 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
5 Representatives, and the Governor by December 1, 1999.

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7 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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11 And the title is amended as follows:

12           On page 1, line 2, delete that line

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14 and insert:

15           An act relating to health care; requiring that  
16           a task force be appointed to review sources of  
17           revenue for the Public Medical Assistance Trust  
18           Fund; providing for appointments of its members  
19           and specifying topics to be studied; providing  
20           for its staffing; providing for meetings;  
21           requiring a report and recommendations;

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