

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

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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Representative(s) Farkas offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. (1) Using a portion of the funds made available in Specific Appropriation 2556 in the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2001-2002, the Office of Legislative Services in coordination with the Agency for Health Care Administration shall contract for the completion of a report assessing the impact of the following proposed mandated health benefit coverages:

(a) Substance abuse.

(b) Contraceptives and infertility.

(c) 3. Mental health services for persons with a serious mental illness. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "serious mental illness" means any mental illness that is recognized in the edition of relevant manuals of the American Psychiatric Association or by the International Classification of Diseases in effect on October 1, 2000, and affirmed by

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1 medical science as caused by biological disorder of the brain
2 and that substantially limits the life activities of the
3 patient. The term includes, but is not limited to,
4 schizophrenia, autism, schizoaffective disorders, anxiety and
5 panic, bipolar affective disorders, major depression, and
6 obsessive-compulsive disorder.

7 (d) Medical Nutrition Therapy.

8 (e) Occupational Therapy.

9 (f) Expansion of the current mandate for the off-label
10 use of FDA-approved pharmaceuticals for the treatment of
11 life-threatening, chronic, or disabling conditions.

12 (2) Such review shall include:

13 (a) Those elements for review as specified in s.
14 624.215(2), Florida Statutes, relating to proposals for
15 legislation which would mandate health benefit coverage and
16 review by the Legislature, to what extent the mandated health
17 benefit coverage is part of self-insured plans offered in this
18 state or federally funded programs such as those offered to
19 employees of the United States Postal Service and employees of
20 the Federal Government, to what extent such mandated health
21 benefit coverages are available as part of large group plans
22 versus small group plans, and recent state and federal court
23 and administrative rulings regarding such issues.

24 (b) The nature of those services being used by those
25 insured persons who currently have a health coverage benefit,
26 including what is included in such coverage, the conditions
27 for which coverage is included, the extent to which such
28 covered persons reach any applicable annual or lifetime
29 benefit cap, utilization and authorization guidelines
30 applicable to such coverage, and inclusion of treatment
31 medications and guidelines applicable to medication coverage.

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1 (3) All insurers, as defined in s. 624.03, doing
2 business in this state, shall provide data requested in order
3 to complete this review.

4 (4) The report shall include information from persons
5 or organizations proposing mandated health benefit coverages,
6 as set forth in s. 624.215(2), and a recommendation as to
7 whether the Legislature should adopt the health benefit
8 coverage as a mandated coverage.

9 (5) Such contract shall be executed by July 1, 2002. A
10 preliminary report shall be submitted to the President of the
11 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
12 December 1, 2002, and a final report shall be submitted to the
13 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives by February 1, 2003.

15 (6) Such contract shall be executed by August 1, 2002,
16 and the report shall be submitted to the President of the
17 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
18 April 1, 2003.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
20 law.

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24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 remove: the entire title

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27 and insert:

28 An act relating to mandated health benefit
29 coverages; requiring the Office of Legislative
30 Services to contract for completion of a report
31 on proposed mandated health coverages;

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1 specifying report review requirements;
2 requiring a report to the Legislature;
3 providing an effective date.
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