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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to mandated health benefit coverages; requiring the Office of Legislative Services to contract for completion of a report on proposed mandated health coverages; specifying report review requirements; requiring a report to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 medical science as caused by biological disorder of the brain and that substantially limits the life activities of the patient. The term includes, but is not limited to, schizophrenia, autism, schizoaffective disorders, anxiety and

1 panic, bipolar affective disorders, major depression, and  
2 obsessive-compulsive disorder.

3 (d) Medical Nutrition Therapy.

4 (e) Occupational Therapy.

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

8 (2) Such review shall include:

9 (a) Those elements for review as specified in s.  
10 624.215(2), Florida Statutes, relating to proposals for  
11 legislation which would mandate health benefit coverage and  
12 review by the Legislature, to what extent the mandated health  
13 benefit coverage is part of self-insured plans offered in this  
14 state or federally funded programs such as those offered to  
15 employees of the United States Postal Service and employees of  
16 the Federal Government, to what extent such mandated health  
17 benefit coverages are available as part of large group plans  
18 versus small group plans, and recent state and federal court  
19 and administrative rulings regarding such issues.

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

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

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

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

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

16           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
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