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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the Uninsured Task Force; providing a legislative finding; creating the Uninsured Task Force; providing for membership; providing purposes and duties; requiring a report; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that many of our state's hospitals are incurring millions of dollars in costs for treating uninsured persons.

(2)(a) The Uninsured Task Force is established for the purpose of investigating how to reduce the cost of treating uninsured persons.

(b) The task force shall be comprised of one representative each from:

1. The Orange County Medical Society.
2. The Florida Academy of Family Practitioners.
3. A faith-based health care provider.
4. A progress health maintenance organization.
5. The Central Florida Partnership on Health Disparities.
6. The Department of Health.
7. The Association of Community Health Centers.
- Hospital.
8. The Florida Chamber of Commerce.
9. The Emergency Management Service Organization.
10. Enterprise Florida, Inc.
11. The Florida Hospital Association.

The task force shall also include the Chief Financial Officer



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31 for the Broward County Hospital and the Deputy Director of  
32 Orange County.

33 (c) The task force shall develop innovative solutions for  
34 treating the uninsured, reducing the caseloads in the emergency  
35 rooms of our hospitals, and streamlining the resources,  
36 treatment centers, community health centers, county health  
37 clinics, and other health care facilities that treat uninsured  
38 persons.

39 (3) The task force shall select a chair and shall meet at  
40 the call of the chair but at least once each month. Members of  
41 the task force shall serve without compensation but shall be  
42 entitled to reimbursement for travel and per diem expenses as  
43 provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

44 (4) The task force shall develop solutions, make  
45 recommendations, and report to the President of the Senate and  
46 the Speaker of the House of Representatives at the beginning of  
47 the 2004 Regular Session.

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