

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and
Senator Jones

317-2486-03

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to optometry; requiring the
3 Division of Medical Quality Assurance of the
4 Department of Health to conduct a study of
5 clinical and academic training requirements of
6 certified optometric practitioners; providing
7 for appointment of members; requiring a report
8 to be submitted to the Governor and
9 Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. (1) The Division of Medical Quality
14 Assurance of the Department of Health shall conduct a study of
15 clinical and academic training requirements of certified
16 optometric practitioners, licensed pursuant to chapter 463,
17 Florida Statutes, to determine the extent to which prescribing
18 authority may be expanded. The study group shall be composed
19 of the following members:

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21 (a) One pharmacologist representing the University of

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25 (c) One pharmacologist representing Florida

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27 Agricultural and Mechanical University;

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29 (d) One ophthalmologist representing Mayo Clinic

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31 Institute;

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33 (f) One board-certified internist appointed by the
34 University of South Florida;

1 (g) One optometrist representing the Florida Board of
2 Optometry;

3 (h) One certified optometric practitioner representing
4 the Florida Optometric Association; and

5 (i) One certified optometric practitioner appointed by
6 the Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry.

7 (2) The study group shall be chaired by the Secretary
8 of Health or his or her designee. The study shall be completed
9 and a final report presented to the Governor, the President of
10 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
11 January 15, 2004. If applicable, a minority report shall be
12 completed and presented to the Governor, the President of the
13 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
14 January 31, 2004.

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

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18 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
20 Senate Bill 1714

21 The Committee Substitute requires the Division of Medical
22 Quality Assurance of the Department of Health to conduct a
23 study of clinical and academic training requirements of
24 certified optometric practitioners, licensed pursuant to
25 chapter 463, Florida Statutes, to determine the extent to
26 which prescribing authority may be expanded. The composition
27 of the study group to conduct the study is specified. The
28 study must be completed and a final report presented to the
29 Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of
30 Representatives no later than January 15, 2004. If applicable,
31 a minority report shall be completed and presented to same by
January 31, 2004.