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Representative Farkas offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 4253 and 4254, insert:

Section 105. (1) The Department of Health, in consultation with the Miami-Dade Community College Physician Assistant Program, the University of Florida Physician Assistant Program, the Nova Southeastern University Physician Assistant Program, and the Barry University Physician Assistant Program, shall conduct a study to establish the most advantageous methods to utilize the medical skills of foreign-trained physicians to practice as physician assistants in this state. Such study shall indicate:

(a) The existing pathways or methods for a foreign-trained physician to receive a license to practice as a physician assistant in Florida.

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27 (b) National standards, national examinations, and
28 credentialing requirements for a foreign-trained physician to be
29 licensed to practice as a physician assistant in other states in
30 the United States.

31 (c) Training, education requirements, remedial courses,
32 and supervisory needs of a foreign-trained physician desiring to
33 become eligible to practice as a physician assistant.

34 (d) The scope of practice of a foreign-trained physician
35 assistant.

36 (e) Any other areas of study that the department and
37 educational institutions deem appropriate to further the intent
38 of this section.

39 (2) A copy of the study, including results and
40 recommendations, shall be presented to the Governor, the
41 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
42 Representatives no later than January 1, 2004.

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44 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

45 Remove line 295, and insert:
46 of the Division of Administrative Hearings; requiring the
47 Department of Health, in consultation with specified educational
48 institutions, to conduct a study with respect to using skills of
49 foreign-trained physicians to practice as physician assistants
50 in this state and to report the results and recommendations to
51 the Governor and Legislature; repealing s.