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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Antone offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 3623 and 3624, insert:

5 Section 42. (1) The Legislature finds that many of our
6 state's hospitals are incurring millions of dollars in costs for
7 treating uninsured persons.

8 (2)(a) The Florida Uninsured Health Care Task Force is
9 established for the purpose of investigating how to reduce the
10 cost of treating uninsured persons.

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

13 1. The Florida Medical Association, appointed by the board
14 of governors of the association.

15 2. The Florida Dental Association, appointed by the board
16 of trustees of the association.

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17 3. The Florida College of Emergency Physicians, appointed
18 by the board of directors of the college.

19 4. The Florida Academy of Family Practitioners, appointed
20 by the governing authority of the academy.

21 5. The Central Florida Partnership on Health Disparities,
22 appointed by the governing authority of the partnership.

23 6. The Department of Health, appointed by Secretary of
24 Health.

25 7. The Agency for Health Care Administration, appointed by
26 the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

27 8. The Florida Association of Community Health Centers,
28 appointed by the board of directors of the association.

29 9. The Florida Chamber of Commerce, appointed by the board
30 of directors of the chamber.

31 10. The Florida Hospital Association, appointed by the
32 board of trustees of the association.

33 11. The Teaching Hospitals Council, appointed by the
34 governing authority of the council.

35 12. A public hospital more than 25 percent of the health
36 care services of which are provided to persons who are subjects
37 of charity, appointed by the governing authority of the
38 hospital. The hospital shall be designated by the board of
39 trustees of the Florida Hospital Association.

40 (c)1. The task force shall:

41 a. Study the gaps in access to health care between the
42 uninsured and those with health insurance.

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43 b. Identify inexpensive insurance packages for the
44 uninsured that are advertised on television, radio, printed
45 media, and the Internet.

46 c. Study who the uninsured are among the working poor,
47 small business owners, Medicaid recipients, migrant workers,
48 illegal immigrants, and underinsured persons who spend more than
49 10 percent of their annual income on health care.

50 d. Study how providers serve the uninsured, including, but
51 not limited to, how and where the uninsured receive health care
52 and why they receive health care from certain places.

53 e. Research available federal funding that might provide
54 assistance, including, but not limited to, the community health
55 clinics grant.

56 f. Identify funding alternatives which provide the
57 greatest access to federal matching money.

58 g. Develop a cost-effective model for treating the
59 uninsured and reducing costs in hospitals and other facilities
60 or groups in this state that provide health care services to the
61 uninsured.

62 2. The task force shall develop innovative solutions for
63 treating the uninsured, reducing the caseloads in the emergency
64 rooms of our hospitals, and streamlining the resources,
65 treatment centers, community health centers, county health
66 clinics, and other health care facilities that treat uninsured
67 persons.

68 (3) The task force shall select a chair and shall meet at
69 the call of the chair but at least once each month. Membership
70 on the task force shall be voluntary and a vacancy shall be

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71 filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members
72 shall serve without compensation.

73 (4) The Department of Health and the Agency for Health
74 Care Administration shall jointly provide staff to assist the
75 task force in fulfilling its responsibilities.

76 (5) The task force shall develop solutions, make
77 recommendations, and report to the President of the Senate and
78 the Speaker of the House of Representatives at the beginning of
79 the 2005 Regular Session. The task force shall cease to exist
80 May 6, 2005.

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

84 Remove line 279, and insert:
85 availability of such information; providing a legislative
86 finding; creating the Florida Uninsured Health Care Task Force;
87 providing for membership; providing purposes and duties;
88 providing for staffing the task force; requiring a report;
89 providing for termination; repealing s. 408.02,