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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the Florida Uninsured Health Care Task Force; providing a legislative finding; creating the Florida Uninsured Health Care Task Force; providing for membership; providing purposes and duties; providing for staffing the task force; requiring a report; providing for termination; 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 Florida Uninsured Health Care 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 Florida Medical Association, appointed by the board of governors of the association.

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

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

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

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

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

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31 7. The Agency for Health Care Administration, appointed by
 32 the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

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

35 9. The Florida Chamber of Commerce, appointed by the board
 36 of directors of the chamber.

37 10. The Florida Hospital Association, appointed by the
 38 board of trustees of the association.

39 11. The Teaching Hospitals Council, appointed by the
 40 governing authority of the council.

41 12. A public hospital more than 25 percent of the health
 42 care services of which are provided to persons who are subjects
 43 of charity, appointed by the governing authority of the
 44 hospital. The hospital shall be designated by the board of
 45 trustees of the Florida Hospital Association.

46 (c)1. The task force shall:

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

49 b. Identify inexpensive insurance packages for the
 50 uninsured that are advertised on television, radio, printed
 51 media, and the Internet.

52 c. Study who the uninsured are among the working poor,
 53 small business owners, Medicaid recipients, migrant workers,
 54 illegal immigrants, and underinsured persons who spend more than
 55 10 percent of their annual income on health care.

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

59 e. Research available federal funding that might provide
 60 assistance, including, but not limited to, the community health

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61 clinics grant.

62 f. Identify funding alternatives which provide the
63 greatest access to federal matching money.

64 g. Develop a cost-effective model for treating the
65 uninsured and reducing costs in hospitals and other facilities
66 or groups in this state that provide health care services to the
67 uninsured.

68 2. The task force shall develop innovative solutions for
69 treating the uninsured, reducing the caseloads in the emergency
70 rooms of our hospitals, and streamlining the resources,
71 treatment centers, community health centers, county health
72 clinics, and other health care facilities that treat uninsured
73 persons.

74 (3) The task force shall select a chair and shall meet at
75 the call of the chair but at least once each month. Membership
76 on the task force shall be voluntary and a vacancy shall be
77 filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members
78 shall serve without compensation.

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

82 (5) The task force shall develop solutions, make
83 recommendations, and report to the President of the Senate and
84 the Speaker of the House of Representatives at the beginning of
85 the 2005 Regular Session. The task force shall cease to exist
86 May 6, 2005.

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