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Senators Smith and Peaden moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 26, between lines 18 and 19,

insert:

Section 7. Baker Act Workgroup.--

(1) There shall be created a Baker Act Workgroup for the purpose of determining the fiscal impact, if any, of including in the involuntary examination provisions of the Baker Act mental health professionals who are not presently permitted by law to seek involuntary examination under the Baker Act. The Baker Act Workgroup shall be coordinated through the Department of Children and Family Services, and shall include the following members:

(a) Two members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom must be a member of the Duval County delegation.

(b) Two members to be appointed by the President of the Senate, at least one of whom must be a member of the Duval County delegation.

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1 (c) Two members to be appointed by the Governor.

2 (d) Two members appointed by the Secretary of the
3 Department of Children and Family Services, one of whom must
4 be a member of the Florida Mental Health Counselors
5 Association selected in consultation with the Florida Mental
6 Health Counselors Association and one of whom must be a
7 board-certified psychiatrist, licensed under chapter 458 or
8 chapter 459, Florida Statutes.

9 (e) The Duval County Sheriff or his designee.

10 (2) The Department of Children and Family Services
11 shall contract with the Florida Mental Health Institute to
12 evaluate the addition of mental health counselors to the
13 persons designated in section 394.4574, Florida Statutes,
14 including determining the fiscal impact, if any, of including
15 in the involuntary examination provisions of the Baker Act
16 mental health professionals who are not presently permitted by
17 law to seek involuntary examination under the Baker Act.

18 (3) Prior to the study, the Florida Mental Health
19 Institute must provide the proposed research criteria and
20 methodology to the Baker Act Workgroup. The Baker Act
21 Workgroup must approve of any research criteria and
22 methodology that is used as a part of the study.

23 (4) The Florida Mental Health Institute shall submit
24 the findings of its study to the Baker Act Workgroup no later
25 than February 1, 2005.

26 (5) The Baker Act Workgroup shall submit a final
27 report with recommendations to the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives and to the President of the Senate by March 1,
29 2005. The Baker Act Workgroup shall terminate on March 1,
30 2005.

31 (6) All members of the Baker Act Workgroup shall serve

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1 without additional compensation or honorarium, and are
2 authorized to receive only per diem and reimbursement for
3 travel expenses as provided in section 112.061, Florida
4 Statutes.

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6 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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10 And the title is amended as follows:

11 On page 1, line 28, after the semicolon,

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13 insert:

14 creating the Baker Act Workgroup; providing a
15 purpose; providing for the coordination of the
16 workgroup through the Department of Children
17 and Family Services; providing for members;
18 requiring the department to evaluate data
19 concerning the use of mental health counselors
20 under certain circumstances; providing research
21 criteria by the Florida Mental Health
22 Institute; requiring the Florida Mental Health
23 Institute to submit its findings to the
24 workgroup; requiring the workgroup to submit a
25 report to the Legislature;

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