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The Committee on Health Care (Rich) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research Act."

Section 2. Studies; reports.--

(1) The Department of Health, in conjunction with the University of Florida College of Public Health and Health Professions, shall conduct a study of inflammatory bowel disease epidemiology. The goal of the study is to gain a better understanding of the prevalence of the disease in the state, the unique demographic characteristics of the patient population, and the role that environmental factors and family history play in the development of the disease. The Department of Health is authorized to convene a study group for the purpose of conducting an epidemiological study of inflammatory bowel disease in order to collect demographic information on

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1 the characteristics of the patient population affected by this
 2 disease. The study group shall consist of a representative of
 3 the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, a
 4 representative from one or more of the major universities
 5 researching this disease, a representative from the Agency for
 6 Health Care Administration, a representative from the
 7 Department of Health, including department epidemiologists, a
 8 representative from medical providers, one member of the House
 9 of Representatives, one member of the Senate, and any other
 10 individual the department considers appropriate to participate
 11 in the study group. The department shall submit a report of
 12 its findings to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
 13 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1,
 14 2006.

15 (2) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
 16 conduct a chronic disease study on Medicaid coverage for
 17 therapies required by patients with inflammatory bowel
 18 disease, such as ostomy supplies, parenteral nutrition,
 19 enteral nutrition, medically necessary food products, and
 20 therapies approved by the Food and Drug Administration for
 21 Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. The study will take
 22 into consideration the appropriate outpatient or home health
 23 care settings, identify gaps in Medicaid coverage which impact
 24 the health and quality of life for inflammatory bowel disease
 25 patients, and empower the inflammatory bowel disease community
 26 to pursue appropriate changes in the Medicaid reimbursement
 27 policy. The agency shall submit a report of its findings to
 28 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
 29 the House of Representatives by February 1, 2006.

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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1 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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5 and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to inflammatory bowel disease;

8 creating the Inflammatory Bowel Disease

9 Research Act; requiring the Department of

10 Health to conduct an inflammatory bowel disease

11 epidemiology study with the University of

12 Florida College of Public Health and Health

13 Professions; requiring the Agency for Health

14 Care Administration to conduct a chronic

15 disease study on the coverage standards

16 provided by Medicaid for inflammatory bowel

17 disease therapies; providing for membership in

18 a study group; requiring reports to the

19 Governor and Legislature; providing an

20 effective date.

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22 WHEREAS, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease,

23 and ulcerative colitis (collectively known as IBD) are chronic

24 disorders of the gastrointestinal tract which afflict

25 approximately 47,000 Floridians, and

26 WHEREAS, inflammatory bowel disease can cause abdominal

27 pain, fever, and rectal bleeding and complications may include

28 arthritis, osteoporosis, anemia, liver disease, and colon

29 cancer, and

30 WHEREAS, inflammatory bowel disease represents a major

31 cause of morbidity from digestive illness and, although it is

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1 not fatal, inflammatory bowel disease is often devastating,
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