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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to school-based health care;
creating the School-Based Health-Care Task
Force; providing for appointment of members;
providing responsibilities; requiring a report
to the Governor and the Legislature by a
specified date; providing for staffing;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. School-Based Health-Care Task Force.--

(1) The School-Based Health-Care Task Force is established within the Department of Education for the purpose of facilitating and encouraging development of comprehensive primary-health centers in public elementary, middle, and high schools to provide preventive health services, acute primary-health-care services, chronic-disease treatment and management services, case management, counseling, and appropriate referral of specialty health-care services. After submitting its final report on or before December 31, 2005, the task force is dissolved.

(2) The task force consists of 15 members:

(a) Two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated to chair the task force;

(b) A Senator appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

(c) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

- 1 (d) A member of the House of Representatives appointed
2 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
- 3 (e) The Secretary of Health, or his or her designee;
- 4 (f) The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or
5 his or her designee;
- 6 (g) The Commissioner of Education, or his or her
7 designee;
- 8 (h) A school board member or designee from a district
9 currently representing school-based health centers, appointed
10 by The Florida School Boards Association, Inc.;
- 11 (i) A community-based member appointed by the Florida
12 Coalition of School Based Health Care or its designee;
- 13 (j) A representative of an academic institution,
14 hospital, or a hospital associated with a school-based health
15 center;
- 16 (k) A person appointed by the Florida Association of
17 Health Maintenance Organizations;
- 18 (l) A person appointed by the Florida Association of
19 Community Health Centers, Inc.;
- 20 (m) A person appointed by the Florida Rural Health
21 Association; and
- 22 (n) A representative of health insurance companies
23 appointed by the Chief Financial Officer.
- 24 (2) The task force shall meet at the call of the
25 chair. The first meeting of the task force shall be held in
26 Tallahassee no later than July 15, 2005.
- 27 (3) The task force shall:
- 28 (a) Identify and examine existing programs, services,
29 laws, and rules regarding the availability and coverage of
30 health-care services for public-school students.
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1 (b) Receive and consider reports and testimony from
2 individuals, educators, county health departments,
3 community-based organizations, and other public and private
4 organizations.

5 (c) Develop a comprehensive School-Based Health-Care
6 Plan and present its final report and recommendations to the
7 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives by December 31, 2005. The
9 School-Based Health-Care Plan shall address:

10 1. Providing school-based health center services as a
11 means of extending access to care for medically underserved
12 children across the state;

13 2. Providing a role for school-based health centers as
14 a safety-net provider within the state;

15 3. Inclusion of the school-based-health-center model
16 in statewide health-planning activities and mandatory federal
17 health plans, including the state's Title V long-term
18 strategic plan, as appropriate;

19 4. The relationship of school-based health centers to
20 integrated-services initiatives, including
21 prevention/wellness; chronic-disease management; and mental
22 health;

23 5. The relationship of school-based health centers to
24 insurance and other reimbursement mechanisms, including
25 Medicaid and the Florida Kidcare program;

26 6. The feasibility of establishing standards of care
27 and procedures for statewide certification of school-based
28 health centers; and

29 7. Development of long-term funding strategies to
30 ensure adequate financial support for school-based health
31 centers.

