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

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 4, between lines 8 and 9,

insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4) of section 381.0405, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.0405 Office of Rural Health.--

(4) COORDINATION.--The office shall:

(f) Assume responsibility for state coordination of

~~the Rural Hospital Transition Grant Program, the Essential Access Community Hospital Program, and other federal rural hospital and~~ rural health care grant programs.

Section 3. Section 381.0409, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

381.0409 Coordination with federal health professional recruitment and placement programs.--The department may coordinate with the Federal Government to designate health professional shortage areas and medically underserved areas,

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1 to recommend foreign physicians for visa waivers, to document  
 2 health professionals working in the public interest, and to  
 3 place health care professionals in medically underserved areas  
 4 using federally funded recruitment incentive programs.

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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 19, after the semicolon,

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13 insert:

14           amending s. 381.0405, F.S.; providing that the  
 15           Office of Rural Health is responsible for state  
 16           coordination of federal rural hospital and  
 17           rural health care grant programs; deleting  
 18           obsolete provisions; creating s. 381.0409,  
 19           F.S.; authorizing the Department of Health to  
 20           coordinate with the Federal Government in  
 21           carrying out certain activities relating to the  
 22           recruitment and placement of health  
 23           practitioners in medically underserved areas;

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