

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health Care Appropriations Committee recommends the
2 following:

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4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to inflammatory bowel disease; creating
8 the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Research Act; requiring the
9 Department of Health to conduct an inflammatory bowel
10 disease epidemiology study with the University of Florida
11 College of Public Health and Health Professions; requiring
12 the Agency for Health Care Administration to conduct a
13 chronic disease study on the coverage standards provided
14 by Medicaid for inflammatory bowel disease therapies;
15 providing for membership in a study group; requiring
16 reports to the Governor and Legislature; providing an
17 effective date.

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19 WHEREAS, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, and
20 ulcerative colitis (collectively known as IBD) are chronic
21 disorders of the gastrointestinal tract which afflict
22 approximately 47,000 Floridians, and

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23 WHEREAS, inflammatory bowel disease can cause abdominal
24 pain, fever, and rectal bleeding and complications may include
25 arthritis, osteoporosis, anemia, liver disease, and colon
26 cancer, and

27 WHEREAS, inflammatory bowel disease represents a major
28 cause of morbidity from digestive illness and, although it is
29 not fatal, inflammatory bowel disease is often devastating, NOW,
30 THEREFORE,

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

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

36 Section 2. Studies; reports.--

37 (1) The Department of Health, in conjunction with the
38 University of Florida College of Public Health and Health
39 Professions, shall conduct an inflammatory bowel disease
40 epidemiology study. The goal of the study is to gain a better
41 understanding of the prevalence of the disease in the state, the
42 unique demographic characteristics of the patient population,
43 and the role that environmental factors and family history play
44 in the development of the disease. The Department of Health is
45 authorized to convene a study group for the purpose of
46 conducting an epidemiological study of inflammatory bowel
47 disease in order to collect demographic information on the
48 characteristics of the patient population affected by this
49 disease. The study group shall consist of a representative of
50 the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, a representative

51 from one or more of the major universities researching this
 52 disease, a representative from the Agency for Health Care
 53 Administration, a representative from the Department of Health,
 54 including department epidemiologists, a representative from
 55 medical providers, one member of the House of Representatives,
 56 one member of the Senate, and any other individual the
 57 department considers appropriate to participate in the study
 58 group. The department shall submit a report of its findings to
 59 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
 60 the House of Representatives by February 1, 2006.

61 (2) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
 62 conduct a chronic disease study on Medicaid coverage for
 63 therapies required by patients with inflammatory bowel disease,
 64 such as ostomy supplies, parenteral nutrition, enteral
 65 nutrition, medically necessary food products, and therapies
 66 approved by the Food and Drug Administration for Crohn's disease
 67 and ulcerative colitis. The study will take into consideration
 68 the appropriate outpatient or home health care settings,
 69 identify gaps in Medicaid coverage that impact the health and
 70 quality of life for inflammatory bowel disease patients, and
 71 empower the inflammatory bowel disease community to pursue
 72 appropriate changes in the Medicaid reimbursement policy. The
 73 agency shall submit a report of its findings to the Governor,
 74 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 75 Representatives by February 1, 2006.

76 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.