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1 The Insurance Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to Lyme disease; creating the Panel on
7 Lyme Disease; providing for membership, duties, and
8 meetings; requiring a report and recommendations for
9 legislation to the Governor and Legislature; providing for
10 repeal of the panel; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Panel on Lyme Disease.--

15 (1) There is created the Panel on Lyme Disease. The
16 Secretary of Health, or his or her designee, shall serve as head
17 of the panel. The Commissioner of Insurance Regulation, the
18 Insurance Consumer Advocate, and the Secretary of Health Care
19 Administration, or their respective designees, shall serve as
20 panelists. The departments and agencies represented on the panel
21 shall provide staff support and resources to the panel. The
22 panel shall meet as often as necessary to carry out its duties.

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23 (2) The panel shall study the issues relating to the
24 diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease, including such factors
25 as appropriate medical treatments and interventions, the costs
26 associated with the treatment and interventions, the
27 implications of requiring group and individual health insurance
28 policies, as well as managed care organizations, to cover
29 appropriate treatments for Lyme disease, and other related
30 subjects identified by the panel.

31 (3) The panel shall seek input, comments, information, and
32 recommendations regarding Lyme disease from persons diagnosed as
33 having the disease, health care providers who treat Lyme
34 disease, health insurers, public health officials, and other
35 parties determined by the panel to have pertinent information
36 regarding Lyme disease.

37 (4) The panel shall prepare a report of its findings,
38 including recommended legislation, if appropriate, by February
39 15, 2007. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the
40 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the
41 Senate, the majority and minority leaders of each house of the
42 Legislature, and the chairs of the standing committees of each
43 house of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health
44 insurance issues. The panel may include in its report
45 recommendations for complying with s. 624.215, Florida Statutes,
46 as appropriate.

47 (5) This section is repealed June 30, 2007.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.