

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to physicians; creating s. 381.0304, F.S.;
 3 requiring the Division of Health Access and Tobacco of the
 4 Department of Health to monitor, evaluate, and report on
 5 the supply and distribution of allopathic physicians and
 6 osteopathic physicians and medical education in the state;
 7 requiring the division to report on the supply and
 8 distribution of dentists in specified Agency for Health
 9 Care Administration Medicaid service areas; providing a
 10 contingent 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. Section 381.0304, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 381.0304 Supply and distribution of physicians;
 17 reports.--The Division of Health Access and Tobacco of the
 18 department shall monitor, evaluate, and report on the supply and
 19 distribution of allopathic physicians licensed under chapter 458
 20 and osteopathic physicians licensed under chapter 459 in this
 21 state. The division shall develop a strategy to track and
 22 analyze, on an ongoing basis, the distribution of state-licensed
 23 physicians by specialty and geographic location using data that
 24 are available from public and private sources. The division
 25 shall develop a strategy to track and analyze on an ongoing
 26 basis the relationship of undergraduate and graduate medical
 27 education to the state's physician workforce, the number of

28 | medical students and medical residents in the state, the number
29 | of medical students and medical residents who are considered in-
30 | state residents, the number of medical students in the state who
31 | are placed in Florida-based residency programs, and the number
32 | of physicians who complete their residency in the state and
33 | continue to practice in the state. For the purpose of tracking
34 | and analyzing medical education, the division shall use data
35 | that are available from public and private sources, such as the
36 | Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or
37 | American Osteopathic Association (AOA). The division shall
38 | submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
39 | and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1,
40 | 2008, and annually thereafter.

41 | Section 2. The Division of Health Access and Tobacco of
42 | the Department of Health shall analyze the supply and
43 | distribution of state-licensed dentists in the Agency for Health
44 | Care Administration's Areas One and Two using data that are
45 | available from public and private sources. The division shall
46 | determine whether such dentists are retired or working full
47 | time. The division shall submit a preliminary report to the
48 | Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
49 | House of Representatives by February 1, 2007, that identifies
50 | the supply and distribution of state-licensed dentists in the
51 | Agency for Health Care Administration's Areas One and Two,
52 | indicates whether state-licensed dentists in such areas are
53 | retired or working full time, and recommends strategies to
54 | improve a broader distribution of dentists in such areas if a

55 | shortage or maldistribution is determined to exist. The division
56 | shall submit a final report to the Governor, the President of
57 | the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
58 | February 1, 2008.

59 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, only
60 | if a specific appropriations to the Department of Health to fund
61 | the provisions of this act is made in the General Appropriations
62 | Act for fiscal year 2006-2007.