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The Committee on Ways and Means (Villalobos) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment**

On page 6, lines 7 through 27, delete those lines

and insert:

(7) ADVISORY COUNCIL.--The Secretary of Health and the Secretary of Health Care Administration shall each appoint no more than five members having relevant health care operations management, practice, and policy experience to an advisory council to advise the office regarding its responsibilities under this section and ss. 381.0406 and 395.6061. Members must be appointed for 4-year staggered terms and may be reappointed to a second term of office. Members shall serve without compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061. The department shall provide staff and other administrative assistance reasonably necessary to assist the advisory council in carrying out its duties. The advisory council shall work with stakeholders to develop recommendations that address barriers

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1 and identify options for establishing provider networks in  
2 rural counties.

3       (8) REPORTS.--Beginning January 1, 2007, and annually  
4 thereafter, the Office of Rural Health shall submit a report  
5 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker  
6 of the House of Representatives summarizing the activities of  
7 the office, including the grants obtained or administered by  
8 the office and the status of rural health networks and rural  
9 hospitals in the state. The report must also include  
10 recommendations that address barriers and identify options for  
11 establishing provider networks in rural counties.

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