

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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The Conference Committee on HB 5021 offered the following:

Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 394.916, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.916 Trial; counsel and experts; indigent persons; jury.--

(2) The trial may be continued once upon the request of either party for not more than 120 days upon ~~and~~ a showing of good cause, or by the court on its own motion in the interests of justice, when the person will not be substantially prejudiced. No additional continuances may be granted unless the court finds that a manifest injustice would otherwise occur.

Section 2. Section 394.932, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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17 394.932 Registry of experts.--The Justice Administrative
 18 Commission shall maintain a registry of mental health and other
 19 experts who are available and willing to provide examinations
 20 and expert testimony in proceedings held under this part. The
 21 commission shall advertise the registry in professional trade
 22 publications on a periodic basis and shall list the name and
 23 contact information for all persons holding themselves out to be
 24 qualified to provide examinations and expert testimony pursuant
 25 to this part upon request. It shall be the sole responsibility
 26 of parties using the services of a person listed on the registry
 27 to verify the qualifications of that person. The commission
 28 shall advise all parties that use the registry that it has not
 29 verified the professional qualifications of the persons listed
 30 on the registry and that it is the party's responsibility to
 31 verify the person's professional qualifications. The commission
 32 may electronically publish the names and contact information of
 33 persons requesting to be listed on the registry.

34 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

36 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

37 Remove the entire title and insert:

38 A bill to be entitled

39 An act relating to sexually violent predators; amending s.
 40 394.916, F.S.; providing that a trial in a proceeding to
 41 commit a sexually violent predator may be continued once
 42 if specified conditions are met; providing that no
 43 additional continuances may be granted unless a court
 44 finds that a manifest injustice would occur; creating s.
 45 394.932, F.S.; requiring the Justice Administrative

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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46 Commission to maintain a registry of mental health and
47 other experts; providing for advertising of the registry;
48 requiring the commission to advise registry users that it
49 is their responsibility to verify a listed person's
50 qualifications; providing for electronic publication;
51 providing an effective date.

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