

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to health care clinics; directing the
 3 Department of Health to conduct a study relating to
 4 availability of health care to uninsured and indigent
 5 persons in the state; requiring a report to the Governor
 6 and Legislature; specifying contents of the report;
 7 providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. The Department of Health is directed to conduct
 12 a comprehensive study of health care options available in the
 13 state to uninsured persons and persons who are eligible for
 14 indigent care programs. The purpose of the study is to provide a
 15 more efficient and effective system that enhances the quality of
 16 health care and health care outcomes for recipients.

17 (1) The study shall examine:

18 (a) The existing health care providers for uninsured and
 19 indigent persons in each county in the state, such as free
 20 clinics, county health departments, federally qualified health
 21 clinics, rural clinics, and Medicaid and Medicare providers.

22 (b) The demographics and needs of the uninsured or
 23 indigent populations.

24 (c) The population served by each provider.

25 (d) The accessibility of each provider to the uninsured or
 26 indigent populations in their respective counties.

27 (e) The limitations of each provider with regard to whom
 28 they can, or do, deliver services.

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- 29 (f) The current capacity of each provider.
- 30 (g) The method of funding for each provider.
- 31 (h) The resources and needs of each provider.
- 32 (i) Other providers in the county that may be available to
33 serve this population.
- 34 (2) The agency shall identify and make recommendations to
35 eliminate the gaps in coverage and to promote collaboration
36 between health care providers to improve the quality of health
37 care delivered to the uninsured and indigent populations. The
38 agency shall submit a report containing those recommendations to
39 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
40 the House of Representatives by January 31, 2008.
- 41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.