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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Coley offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 On line 66, insert:

6 Section 1. Section 381.0402, Florida Statutes, is amended
7 to read:

8 381.0402 Area health education center network.--The
9 department, in cooperation with ~~the state-approved~~ medical
10 schools located in this state which form the area health
11 education center network in this state, shall maintain and
12 evaluate ~~organize~~ an area health education center network
13 focused ~~based on earlier medically indigent demonstration~~
14 ~~projects and shall evaluate the impact of each network on~~
15 improving access to health services by persons who are medically
16 underserved. The network shall serve as ~~be~~ a catalyst for the

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17 primary care training of health professionals by increasing
18 ~~through increased~~ opportunities for training in medically
19 underserved areas, increasing access to primary care services,
20 providing health workforce recruitment, enhancing the quality of
21 health care, and addressing current and emerging public health
22 issues.

23 (1) The department shall contract with the medical schools
24 to assist in funding the ~~an~~ area health education center
25 network, which links the provision of primary care services to
26 medically underserved populations, and which provides for low-
27 income persons with the education of:

28 (a) Medical students, interns, and residents. The network
29 shall:

30 ~~(a) Be coordinated with and under contract with the state-~~
31 ~~approved medical schools, which shall be responsible for the~~
32 ~~clinical training and supervision.~~

33 ~~1.(b)~~ Divide the state into service areas within the
34 network for ~~with each state-approved medical school~~ coordinating
35 the recruitment ~~recruiting~~, training, and retention of medical
36 students within its assigned area.

37 ~~(c) Use a multidisciplinary approach with appropriate~~
38 ~~medical supervision.~~

39 ~~2.(d)~~ Use ~~current~~ community resources, such as county
40 health departments, federally funded community or migrant health
41 ~~primary care centers, and~~ ~~or~~ other primary health care
42 providers, as ~~community-based~~ sites for training medical
43 students, interns, and residents.

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44 3. Use a multidisciplinary approach with appropriate
45 medical supervision.

46 (b) Students in the health care professions. The network
47 shall:

48 1. Facilitate the recruitment, training, and retention of
49 students in the health care professions within service areas.

50 2. Use community resources, such as county health
51 departments, federally funded community or migrant health
52 centers, and other primary health care providers, as sites for
53 training students in the health care professions.

54 3. Use a multidisciplinary approach with appropriate
55 supervision.

56 (c) Health care providers serving medically underserved
57 populations. The network shall:

58 1. Assist providers in medically underserved areas and
59 other safety net providers in remaining current in their fields
60 through a variety of community resource initiatives.

61 2. Strengthen the health care safety net in this state by
62 enhancing services and increasing access to care in medically
63 underserved areas.

64 3. Provide other services, such as library and information
65 resources, continuing professional education, technical
66 assistance, and other support services, for providers who serve
67 in medically underserved areas.

68 (2) The department shall establish criteria and procedures
69 for quality assurance, performance evaluations, periodic audits,
70 and other appropriate safeguards for the network.

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71 (3) The department shall make every effort to assure that
72 the network does ~~participating medical schools do~~ not
73 discriminate among enrollees with respect to age, race, sex, or
74 health status. However, the network ~~such schools~~ may target
75 high-risk medically needy population groups.

76 (4) The department may use no more than 2 ~~5~~ percent of the
77 annual appropriation for administering and evaluating the
78 network.

79 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (4), the department may not
80 use any portion of the annual appropriation to administer and
81 evaluate the network. This subsection expires July 1, 2007.

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

85 Remove line 2 and insert:

86 An act relating to health care; amending s. 381.0402,
87 F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to cooperate with
88 specified medical schools in maintaining and evaluating
89 the area health education center network; expanding the
90 purposes of the network; requiring the department to
91 contract with the medical schools to provide funds to the
92 network; providing that the persons to be served by the
93 network are "medically underserved populations" rather
94 than "low-income people"; requiring that the center assist
95 in linking the provision of primary care services to
96 medically underserved populations and to provide for the
97 education of students in the health care professions and
98 health care providers serving medically underserved

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99 populations, as well as medical students, interns, and
100 residents; reducing the percentage of funds that the
101 department is authorized to spend on administering and
102 evaluating the network; amending s. 381.0405,

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