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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to congenital craniofacial anomalies;
3 requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, in
4 consultation with the Office of Insurance Regulation, to
5 conduct a study concerning the medical necessity, costs,
6 and efficacy of mandating coverage for certain treatments
7 and therapies; providing an appropriation; requiring a
8 report to the Legislature; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. (1) The Agency for Health Care Administration,
13 in consultation with the Office of Insurance Regulation, shall
14 conduct a study evaluating the medical necessity, efficacy, and
15 costs associated with mandating health insurers and health
16 maintenance organizations to provide coverage for cranial skull
17 molding orthotics and other therapies used in the treatment of
18 deformational or positional plagiocephaly. The agency and office
19 shall evaluate whether gaps in coverage currently exist in the
20 small and large group insurance markets for medically necessary
21 care and treatment of plagiocephaly. The agency shall provide
22 information concerning the types of benefits, including the cost
23 of such benefits, provided to Medicaid recipients for the
24 treatment of plagiocephaly, and the demographic characteristics
25 of such Medicaid recipients. The Department of Health shall
26 coordinate with the agency to provide such information
27 concerning coverage and costs provided to children having
28 plagiocephaly who are enrolled in the Children's Medical

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29 Services Program.

30 (2) The agency, in consultation with the office, may
31 contract with an actuary who is a member of the American Academy
32 of Actuaries and any other person or persons who have an
33 extensive background in health insurance for the purpose of
34 assisting the agency in evaluating the medically necessity,
35 efficacy, and costs of such coverage. The agency shall report
36 its findings and recommendations related to mandating insurance
37 coverage for the treatment of plagiocephaly to the President of
38 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no
39 later than January 1, 2008.

40 Section 2. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the sum of
41 \$25,000 is appropriated in nonrecurring funds from the Insurance
42 Regulatory Trust Fund to the Office of Insurance Regulation for
43 the purpose of funding the study conducted by the Agency for
44 Health Care Administration as provided in this act.

45 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.