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

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

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

(1) The study shall examine:

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

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

(c) The population served by each provider.

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

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

- 1           (f) The current capacity of each provider.  
2           (g) The method of funding for each provider.  
3           (h) The resources and needs of each provider.  
4           (i) Other providers in the county that may be  
5 available to serve this population.  
6           (2) The agency shall identify and make recommendations  
7 to eliminate the gaps in coverage and to promote collaboration  
8 between health care providers to improve the quality of health  
9 care delivered to the uninsured and indigent populations. The  
10 agency shall submit a report containing those recommendations  
11 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker  
12 of the House of Representatives by January 31, 2008.

13           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.  
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