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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Zapata offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 214 and 215, insert:

5 Section 6. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
6 conduct a study of the use of community benefits programs in  
7 other states. The agency shall submit a report of its study to  
8 the relevant committees of the Senate and the House of  
9 Representatives by January 1, 2009. The report shall include  
10 recommendations for community benefits requirements in the  
11 state, including standards and guidelines for not-for-profit  
12 charitable hospitals that are exempt from taxation under s.  
13 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Office of Program  
14 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall conduct a  
15 study of not-for-profit charitable hospitals that are exempt  
16 from taxation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

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17 and the benefits received by not-for-profit hospitals from sales  
18 and lease tax exemption certificates obtained pursuant to s.  
19 212.08(7)(p), Florida Statutes, and from property tax and  
20 federal income tax exemptions. The study shall determine the  
21 dollar value of those exemptions for each hospital for the last  
22 3 fiscal years and shall assess the actual cost of charity care  
23 provided by each hospital for the last 3 fiscal years. The study  
24 shall include an evaluation of the profitability of not-for-  
25 profit hospitals and the allocation of hospital resources to  
26 provide community benefits and executive compensation and shall  
27 provide a comparison of those results with comparable data from  
28 other states. The study shall analyze and recommend a state  
29 standard that would provide accurate and measurable figures  
30 relating to the reporting of expenditures for charity care and  
31 uncompensated care. The office shall submit a report to the  
32 relevant committees of the Senate and the House of  
33 Representatives by January 1, 2009. For the purposes of the  
34 studies and reports required under this section, "community  
35 benefits" means the unreimbursed cost to a hospital of providing  
36 charity care, uncompensated government-sponsored indigent health  
37 care, donations, uncompensated government-sponsored program  
38 services, free screening, testing services, and subsidized  
39 health services provided by the hospital.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove line 29 and insert:

requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to conduct a study of community benefits programs in other states; requiring the agency to submit a report to the relevant committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by January 1, 2009; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a study of certain charitable hospitals; requiring the office to submit a report to the relevant committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by January 1, 2009; providing an effective date.