

By Senator Bullard

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to congenital craniofacial anomalies;
3 requiring that the Agency for Health Care Administration,
4 in consultation with the Office of Insurance Regulation,
5 conduct a study concerning the medical necessity, costs,
6 and efficacy of mandating coverage for certain treatments
7 and therapies; requiring that the agency report its
8 findings and recommendations to the Legislature; providing
9 an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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

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30 Services Program.

31 (2) The agency, in consultation with the office, may
32 contract with an actuary who is a member of the American Academy
33 of Actuaries and other persons who have an extensive background
34 in health insurance for the purpose of assisting the agency in
35 evaluating the medical necessity, efficacy, and costs of such
36 coverage. The agency shall report its findings and
37 recommendations related to mandating insurance coverage for the
38 treatment of plagiocephaly to the President of the Senate and the
39 Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January 1,
40 2009.

41 Section 2. For the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the sum of
42 \$25,000 is appropriated in nonrecurring funds from the Insurance
43 Regulatory Trust Fund to the Office of Insurance Regulation for
44 the purpose of funding the study conducted by the Agency for
45 Health Care Administration as provided in this act.

46 Section 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.