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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Ring moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 31 - 51
and insert:

(1) If the parent or legal guardian of a minor believes that the minor exhibits symptoms of autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disability, the parent or legal guardian may report his or her observation to a primary care physician licensed in this state, other than an obstetrician or gynecologist. The physician shall immediately refer the minor to an appropriate specialist for further screening if, after examination and initial screening, the referral is clinically



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13 indicated. The physician shall also inform the parent or legal
14 guardian of the right to direct access to an appropriate
15 specialist for screening, evaluation, or diagnosis for autism
16 spectrum disorder or other developmental disability. This
17 section does not apply to a physician providing care under s.
18 395.1041.

19 (2) As used in this section, the term "appropriate
20 specialist" means a qualified professional who is licensed in
21 this state and experienced in the evaluation of autism spectrum
22 disorder or other developmental disabilities, who has training
23 in validated diagnostic tools, and includes, but is not limited
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