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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Regulation (Gardiner) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 19 - 33  
and insert:

381.986 Screening for autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities.-

(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 physician licensed in this state. The physician shall immediately refer the minor to an appropriate specialist for further screening and diagnosis. This



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13 section does not apply to a physician providing care under s.  
14 395.1041.

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

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22 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 Delete line 5

25 and insert:

26 spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities  
27 under certain circumstances;