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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 20 - 38
and insert:

(1) If the parent or legal guardian of a minor believes that the minor exhibits symptoms of autism spectrum disorder, the parent or legal guardian may report his or her observation to a physician licensed in this state. The physician shall perform screening in accordance with American Academy of Pediatrics' guidelines. If the physician determines that referral to a specialist is medically necessary, he or she shall refer the minor to an appropriate specialist to determine



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13 whether the minor meets diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum
14 disorder. If the physician determines that referral to a
15 specialist is not medically necessary, the physician shall
16 inform the parent or legal guardian that they can self-refer to
17 the Early Steps intervention program or other specialist in
18 autism. This section does not apply to a physician providing
19 care under s. 395.1041.

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

25 (a) A psychologist;

26 (b) A psychiatrist;

27 (c) A neurologist;

28 (d) A developmental or behavioral pediatrician; or
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