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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Comm: RCS	.	
04/01/2014	.	
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The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (17) is added to section 440.13,
Florida Statutes, to read:

440.13 Medical services and supplies; penalty for
violations; limitations.—

(17) WORKERS' COMPENSATION COST TASK FORCE.—

(a) The Workers' Compensation Cost Task Force is created.



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11 The Department of Financial Services shall provide
12 administrative and staff support services relating to the
13 functions of the task force. The task force shall organize by
14 July 1, 2014. The task force shall be composed of the following
15 18 members:

16 1. The Chief Financial Officer, or his or her designee, who
17 shall serve as chair of the task force.

18 2. Three members of the task force who shall be the
19 president or chief executive officer, or his or her designee, of
20 the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Associated Industries of
21 Florida, and the Florida Hospital Association.

22 3. The Secretary of the Department of Health, or his or her
23 designee.

24 4. One member of the three-member panel, created under
25 subsection (12).

26 5. One member that represents a critical access hospital,
27 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

28 6. One member who represents a rural hospital, appointed by
29 the President of the Senate.

30 7. Five members appointed by the President of the Senate
31 and five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
32 Representatives which must each include:

33 a. A member of the Legislature;
34 b. An owner or representative of a hospital system that has
35 over 2,000 beds and provides services to a significant number of
36 workers' compensation claims;

37 c. An owner or representative of a business that employs
38 more than 500 employees;

39 d. An owner or representative of a business that employs



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40 less than 25 employees; and

41 e. A representative from an insurance company that provides
42 workers' compensation insurance.

43 (b) Members of the task force shall serve without
44 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
45 travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.

46 (c) The purpose of the task force is to analyze workers'
47 compensation costs. The task force shall review and analyze the
48 recommendations of the Three-Member Panel 2013 Biennial Report
49 in the context of reducing workers' compensation costs. The task
50 force shall develop a report that includes its findings and
51 recommendations for legislative action regarding a new payment
52 methodology for hospital inpatient and outpatient reimbursements
53 in workers' compensation cases which will reward efficiency,
54 quality, and outcomes. The task force must address other factors
55 related to workers' compensation costs, including, but not
56 limited to, the volume of inpatient and outpatient services, the
57 number of accidents and workers compensation claims, fraud, the
58 cost per claim and treatment, and tort costs related to workers
59 compensation care. The task force shall submit the report to the
60 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
61 House of Representatives by January 15, 2015.

62 (d) This subsection shall be repealed June 30, 2015.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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

66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 Delete everything before the enacting clause
68 and insert:



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69 A bill to be entitled
70 An act relating to the Workers' Compensation Cost Task
71 Force; amending s. 440.13, F.S.; creating the Workers'
72 Compensation Cost Task Force; providing for
73 membership; providing duties; requiring the task force
74 to submit a report to the Governor, the President of
75 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
76 Representatives by a specified date; providing an
77 expiration date; providing an effective date.