

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Grant offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (234157) (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 35 and 36 of the amendment, insert:

5 Section 5. Telehealth utilization and insurance coverage
6 report.—

7 (1) The Telehealth Advisory Board is created within the
8 Agency for Health Care Administration for the purpose of making
9 recommendations based on the surveys and research findings
10 required by this section. The agency shall use existing and
11 available resources to administer and support the activities of
12 the advisory board under this section.

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13 (a) Members of the board shall serve without compensation
14 and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem or travel
15 expenses. The board shall consist of 13 members, as follows:

16 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or
17 her designee, who shall serve as the chair of the board.

18 2. The State Surgeon General or his or his designee.

19 3. The following members appointed by the Secretary of
20 Health Care Administration:

21 a. Two representatives of health insurers that offer
22 coverage for telehealth services.

23 b. Two representatives of organizations that represent
24 health care facilities.

25 c. Two representatives of entities that create or sell
26 telehealth products.

27 d. One representative of an organization that represents
28 telehealth stakeholders.

29 4. The following members appointed by the State Surgeon
30 General:

31 a. Two health care practitioners, each of whom practices
32 in a different area of medicine.

33 b. Two representatives of organizations that represent
34 health care practitioners.

35 (b) The board shall review the surveys and research
36 findings required by this section and make recommendations to
37 increase the use and accessibility of services provided via

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38 telehealth, including the identification of any barriers to
39 implementing or accessing services provided via telehealth.

40 (2) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
41 compile the surveys and research findings required by this
42 section, along with the recommendations of the Telehealth
43 Advisory Board, and submit a report of such findings to the
44 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
45 House of Representatives by June 30, 2018.

46 (3) The Department of Health shall survey all health care
47 practitioners, as defined under s. 456.001, Florida Statutes,
48 upon and as a condition of licensure renewal to compile the
49 information required pursuant to this section. The Department of
50 Health and the Office of Insurance Regulation shall submit their
51 survey and research findings to the agency and shall assist the
52 agency in compiling the information to prepare the report.

53 (4) The Agency for Health Care Administration, the
54 Department of Health, and the Office of Insurance Regulation may
55 assess fines under ss. 408.813(2) (d), 456.072(2) (d), and
56 624.310(5), Florida Statutes, respectively, against a health
57 care facility, health maintenance organization, health care
58 practitioner, and health insurer for failure to complete the
59 surveys required under this section.

60 (5) This section expires July 1, 2018.

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64 Remove line 43 of the amendment and insert:
65 requirements; creating the Telehealth Advisory Board
66 within the agency for specified purposes; providing
67 membership requirements; requiring the board to review
68 certain findings and make recommendations; providing
69 an effective date

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