

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/HB 1175, Engrossed 1 (CS/SB 1496)

INTRODUCER: Health and Human Services Committee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; and Representative Sprowls (Appropriations Committee and Senator Bradley)

SUBJECT: Transparency in Health Care

DATE: March 11, 2016

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 766465 to Senate Amendment – 773730 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 deletes all provisions pertaining to the consumer advocate. In the Senate amendment, the consumer advocate is tasked with assisting uninsured patients in understanding their health care bills related to nonemergency health care services provided in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center and advocating on behalf of uninsured patients when negotiations between the patient, or the patient's representative, and the health care provider fail to achieve charges within a range that is common to similarly situated patients or access to available financial assistance.