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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Grimsley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 34 - 90
and insert:
following 21 members:

(a) The Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or her designee, who shall serve as the chair of the task force.

(b) The State Surgeon General or his or her designee.

(c) Three representatives of hospitals or facilities licensed under chapter 395; three representatives of health



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11 insurers that offer coverage of telehealth services; two
12 representatives of organizations that represent health care
13 facilities; two representatives of long-term care services, one
14 from a nursing home and one from a home health agency or
15 community-based health services setting; and two representatives
16 of entities that create or sell telehealth products, all
17 appointed by the Secretary of Health Care Administration.

18 (d) Five health care practitioners, each of whom practices
19 in a different area of medicine, and two representatives of
20 organizations that represent health care practitioners, all
21 appointed by the State Surgeon General.

22 (3) The task force shall compile and analyze data and
23 information on the following:

24 (a) The frequency and extent of the use of telehealth
25 technology and equipment by health care practitioners and health
26 care facilities nationally and in this state.

27 (b) The costs and cost savings associated with using
28 telehealth technology and equipment.

29 (c) The types of telehealth services available.

30 (d) The extent of available health insurance coverage for
31 telehealth services. The task force shall conduct a comparative
32 analysis of such coverage to available coverage for in-person
33 services. The analysis must include:

34 1. Covered medical or other health care services.

35 2. A description of payment rates for telehealth services
36 and whether they are below, equal to, or above payment rates for
37 in-person services.

38 3. Annual and lifetime dollar maximums on coverage for
39 telehealth and in-person services.



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40 4. Copayment, coinsurance, and deductible amounts; policy
41 year, calendar year, lifetime, or other durational benefit
42 limitations; and maximum benefits for telehealth and in-person
43 services.

44 5. Any unique conditions imposed as a prerequisite to
45 obtaining coverage for telehealth services.

46 (e) Barriers to implementing, using, or accessing
47 telehealth services.

48 (f) Consideration of opportunities for interstate
49 cooperation in telehealth.

50 (4) The task force shall convene its first meeting by
51 September 1, 2016, and shall meet as often as necessary to
52 fulfill its responsibilities under this section. Meetings may be
53 conducted in person, by teleconference, or by other electronic
54 means.

55 (5) The task force shall submit a report by June 30, 2017,
56 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
57 the House of Representatives which includes its findings,
58 conclusions, and recommendations.

59 (6) This section is repealed effective December 1, 2017.

60 Section 2. Section 456.51, Florida Statutes, is created to
61 read:

62 456.51 Telehealth.—

63 (1) A health care practitioner, a behavior analyst
64 certified under s. 393.17, a person certified under