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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Appropriations (Latvala) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 35 - 84

and insert:

Section 1. Section 295.156, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

295.156 Alternative treatment options for veterans.-

(1) Subject to legislative appropriation, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall contract with one or more individuals, corporations not for profit, state universities, or Florida



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11 College System institutions to provide alternative treatment
12 options for veterans who have been certified by the United
13 States Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the
14 United States Armed Forces as having a traumatic brain injury or
15 posttraumatic stress disorder. For purposes of this section, the
16 term "alternative treatment" means a therapeutic service that is
17 not part of the standard of medical care established by the
18 United States Department of Veterans Affairs for treating
19 traumatic brain injury or posttraumatic stress disorder but has
20 been shown by at least one scientific or medical peer-reviewed
21 study to have some positive effect on traumatic brain injury or
22 posttraumatic stress disorder. Alternative treatment must be
23 provided under the direction and supervision of an individual
24 licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter
25 464, chapter 490, or chapter 491.

26 (2) Each contracted individual or entity shall report
27 annually to the department each alternative treatment provided,
28 the number of veterans served, and the treatment outcomes.

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

31 And the title is amended as follows:

32 Delete lines 3 - 12

33 and insert:

34 creating s. 295.156, F.S.; requiring the Department of
35 Veterans' Affairs, subject to appropriation, to
36 contract with individuals and entities to provide
37 alternative treatment options for certain veterans;
38 defining the term "alternative treatment"; requiring
39 alternative treatment to be provided under the



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40 direction and supervision of certain licensed
41 individuals; requiring a contracted individual or
42 entity to submit an annual report to the department;