

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u>    </u>	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Innovation  
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Burgess offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:  
7 Section 1. Section 295.156, Florida Statutes, is created  
8 to read:

9 295.156 Alternative treatment options for veterans.-

10 (1) Subject to legislative appropriation, the department  
11 shall contract with one or more individuals, corporations not  
12 for profit, state universities, or Florida College System  
13 institutions to provide alternative treatment options for  
14 veterans who have been certified by the United States Department  
15 of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the United States Armed  
16 Forces as having a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic

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17 stress disorder. For the purpose of this subsection,  
18 "alternative treatment" means a therapeutic service that is not  
19 part of the standard of medical care established by the United  
20 States Department of Veterans Affairs for treating traumatic  
21 brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder, but has been  
22 shown by at least one scientific or medical peer-reviewed study  
23 to have some positive effect on traumatic brain injury or post-  
24 traumatic stress disorder. Alternative treatment must be  
25 provided under the direction and supervision of a person  
26 licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter  
27 464, chapter 490, or chapter 491.

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

31 Section 2: This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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34 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

35 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
36 An act relating to alternative treatment options for  
37 veterans; creating s. 295.156, F.S.; requiring the  
38 Department of Veterans' Affairs, subject to an  
39 appropriation, to contract with individuals and entities to  
40 provide alternative treatment options for certain veterans;  
41 defining alternative treatment; limiting the types of

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42 | treatments that may be provided; requiring alternative  
43 | treatments to be provided under the direction and  
44 | supervision of certain licensed persons; requiring each  
45 | contracted entity to submit annual reports to the  
46 | department; providing an effective date.  
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