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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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04/02/2019	.	
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The Committee on Health Policy (Wright) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 73 - 98

and insert:

(2) A veteran qualifies to receive alternative treatment under this section if he or she:

(a) Has been diagnosed by a health care practitioner with service-connected posttraumatic stress disorder or a traumatic brain injury;

(b) Voluntarily agrees to such alternative treatment; and



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11 (c) Can demonstrate that he or she has previously sought
12 services for a posttraumatic stress disorder or a traumatic
13 brain injury through the federal Veterans Affairs service
14 delivery system or through private health insurance, if such
15 coverage is available to the veteran.

16 (3) Subject to legislative appropriation, the Department of
17 Veterans' Affairs may contract with one state university or
18 Florida College System institution to enter into and to manage
19 multiple licensed provider contracts to provide the alternative
20 treatment options specified in paragraphs (a) through (e) to
21 veterans who have been certified by the United States Department
22 of Veterans Affairs or by any branch of the United States Armed
23 Forces as having a traumatic brain injury or posttraumatic
24 stress disorder. The university or institution shall manage,
25 monitor, and ensure the compliance of contracted providers who
26 provide any of the following alternative treatment options:

27 (a) Accelerated resolution therapy.

28 (b) Equine therapy.

29 (c) Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, which must be provided at a
30 registered hyperbaric oxygen facility.

31 (d) Music therapy.

32 (e) Service animal training therapy.

33 (4) (a) The provision of alternative treatment must be under
34 the direction and supervision of an individual licensed under
35 chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 490, or chapter
36 491.

37 (b) The supervising licensed provider must agree to
38 cooperate with the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide
39 data sufficient to assess the efficacy of alternative treatment



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40 modalities.

41 (5) By January 1 of each year, beginning in 2020, the
42 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall prepare a report detailing
43 each alternative treatment provided pursuant to this section,
44 the provider type, the number of veterans served, and the
45 treatment outcomes, which it shall submit to the Governor, the
46 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
47 Representatives.

48 (6) The Department of Veterans' Affairs may adopt rules to
49 implement this section.

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

52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete lines 5 - 9

54 and insert:

55 alternative treatment; authorizing the Department of
56 Veterans' Affairs, subject to appropriation, to
57 contract with a state university or Florida College
58 System institution to enter into and manage contracts
59 for the provision of alternative treatment options for
60 certain veterans; providing requirements as to the
61 provision of alternative treatment options and related
62 assessment data; requiring the department to annually
63 prepare a report for submission to the Governor and
64 Legislature; prescribing report requirements;
65 authorizing