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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Brandes) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Study on increasing access to health care in  
this state.-

(1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
Accountability shall conduct a comprehensive study on increasing  
access to the following health care services in this state:  
primary care or family medicine; oral health care, including



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11 general dentistry and dental hygiene services; anesthesia; and  
12 psychiatry, psychology, and other licensed mental health  
13 services. The study must, at a minimum:

14 (a) For each category of health care services and by  
15 provider type, examine the status of affordability, access, and  
16 delivery of these health care services in this state and  
17 identify any delivery system gaps, taking into consideration  
18 demographic and income disparities in urban and rural areas;

19 (b) Compare the affordability, access, and delivery of such  
20 health care services in this state to that of other states;

21 (c) Consider the projected growth of this state's  
22 population over the next 10 years and the impact that growth  
23 will have on the availability of such health care services in  
24 urban and rural areas of this state;

25 (d) Examine workforce policies authorizing health care  
26 providers to practice to the full extent of their education and  
27 training or increasing utilization of mid-level health care  
28 providers, including, but not limited to, certified registered  
29 nurse anesthetists, dental hygienists, dental therapists,  
30 licensed practical nurses, mental health counselors, physician  
31 assistants, and registered nurses, in order to help fill  
32 delivery system gaps; and

33 (e) Based on research of policy proposals and practices in  
34 other states, make recommendations to the Legislature on ways to  
35 increase access to health care in this state by addressing  
36 barriers to care, expedience of care delivery, and increased  
37 positive health outcomes for unserved or underserved  
38 populations.

39 (2) The office shall submit a report on the findings of the



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40 study and its recommendations on increasing access to health  
41 care in this state to the Governor, the President of the Senate,  
42 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31,  
43 2020. The report must address any implementation burdens and the  
44 sustainability of each policy recommendation.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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48 And the title is amended as follows:

49 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
50 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to increasing access to health care;

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requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and

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Government Accountability to conduct a study on

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increasing access to certain health care services in

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this state; providing requirements for the study;

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requiring the office to submit a report on its

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findings and recommendations to the Governor and the

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Legislature by a specified date; providing an

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effective date.