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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Judiciary (Thurston) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (377066) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 61 and 62

5 insert:

6 Section 2. Section 90.702, Florida Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 90.702 Testimony by experts.—

9 (1) Subject to the limitations in subsection (2), if
10 scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will
11 assist the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to



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12 determine a fact in issue, a witness qualified as an expert by
13 knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education may testify
14 thereto in the form of an opinion or otherwise.

15 (2) Scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge
16 may serve as the basis for expert testimony if the scientific,
17 technical, or other principles or methods underlying the
18 testimony meet a threshold showing that they:

19 (a) Are reliable;

20 (b) Are based upon sufficient facts or data; and

21 (c) Have been reliably applied to the facts of the case.

22 (3) The threshold showing required by subsection (2) is
23 satisfied if the principles or methods on which such knowledge
24 is based, including the sufficiency of facts or data and the
25 manner of their application to the facts of the case, are
26 generally accepted by the relevant expert community ~~if~~
27 ~~scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will~~
28 ~~assist the trier of fact in understanding the evidence or in~~
29 ~~determining a fact in issue, a witness qualified as an expert by~~
30 ~~knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education may testify~~
31 ~~about it in the form of an opinion or otherwise, if:~~

32 ~~(1) The testimony is based upon sufficient facts or data;~~

33 ~~(2) The testimony is the product of reliable principles and~~
34 ~~methods; and~~

35 ~~(3) The witness has applied the principles and methods~~
36 ~~reliably to the facts of the case.~~

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

39 And the title is amended as follows:

40 Delete lines 2 - 9



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41 and insert:

42 An act relating to court proceedings; creating s.
43 768.0427, F.S.; defining the term "health care
44 coverage"; specifying that certain evidence offered to
45 prove damages for the cost of past medical expenses is
46 admissible in a personal injury or wrongful death
47 action under certain circumstances; specifying damages
48 that may be recovered by a claimant for the reasonable
49 and necessary cost or value of medical care rendered;
50 amending s. 90.702, F.S.; revising requirements for
51 testimony by expert witnesses;