

By Senator Book

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to using alternative therapies to  
3           treat mental health and other medical conditions;  
4           requiring the Department of Health, in collaboration  
5           with the Board of Medicine, to conduct a study  
6           regarding the use of alternative therapies in the  
7           treatment of mental health and other medical  
8           conditions; providing requirements for the study;  
9           requiring the department to submit a report to the  
10          Governor and Legislature by a specified date;  
11          providing for future expiration; providing an  
12          effective date.

14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

16           Section 1. (1) (a) The Department of Health, in  
17 collaboration with the Board of Medicine, shall conduct a study  
18 evaluating the therapeutic efficacy of alternative therapies,  
19 including the use of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine,  
20 psilocybin, and ketamine, in treating mental health and other  
21 medical conditions, including all of the following:

- 22           1. Depression.
- 23           2. Anxiety.
- 24           3. Posttraumatic stress disorder.
- 25           4. Bipolar disorder.
- 26           5. Chronic pain.
- 27           6. Migraines.

28           (b) In conducting the study, the department shall:

- 29           1. Evaluate and determine whether alternative therapies are

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30 effective in treating the mental health and other medical  
31 conditions listed in paragraph (a).

32 2. Compare the efficacy of using alternative therapies with  
33 the efficacy of treatments currently used for the mental health  
34 and other medical conditions listed in paragraph (a).

35 (2) By September 1, 2023, the department shall submit a  
36 report of its findings and recommendations for future  
37 legislative action and implementation to the Governor, the  
38 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
39 Representatives.

40 (3) This section expires September 30, 2023.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.