By Senator Joyner

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to reducing racial and ethnic health disparities; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a study and provide recommendations relating to Medicaid provider networks by a specified date; requiring a report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing for expiration; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall conduct a study of obstacles to achieving an adequate health care provider network for Medicaid recipients. The office shall consult with the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Health to develop and recommend strategies to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities in this state. The office shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2016. This section expires June 30, 2016.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.