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Senate

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1 Representative Grant offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (234157) (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 35 and 36 of the amendment, insert:

5 Section 5. Telehealth utilization and insurance coverage  
6 report.—

7 (1) The Telehealth Advisory Board is created within the  
8 Agency for Health Care Administration for the purpose of making  
9 recommendations based on the surveys and research findings  
10 required by this section. The agency shall use existing and  
11 available resources to administer and support the activities of  
12 the advisory board under this section.

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13 (a) Members of the board shall serve without compensation  
14 and are not entitled to reimbursement for per diem or travel  
15 expenses. The board shall consist of 13 members, as follows:

16 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or  
17 her designee, who shall serve as the chair of the board.

18 2. The State Surgeon General or his or his designee.

19 3. The following members appointed by the Secretary of  
20 Health Care Administration:

21 a. Two representatives of health insurers that offer  
22 coverage for telehealth services.

23 b. Two representatives of organizations that represent  
24 health care facilities.

25 c. Two representatives of entities that create or sell  
26 telehealth products.

27 d. One representative of an organization that represents  
28 telehealth stakeholders.

29 4. The following members appointed by the State Surgeon  
30 General:

31 a. Two health care practitioners, each of whom practices  
32 in a different area of medicine.

33 b. Two representatives of organizations that represent  
34 health care practitioners.

35 (b) The board shall review the surveys and research  
36 findings required by this section and make recommendations to  
37 increase the use and accessibility of services provided via

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38 telehealth, including the identification of any barriers to  
39 implementing or accessing services provided via telehealth.

40 (2) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
41 compile the surveys and research findings required by this  
42 section, along with the recommendations of the Telehealth  
43 Advisory Board, and submit a report of such findings to the  
44 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
45 House of Representatives by June 30, 2018.

46 (3) The Department of Health shall survey all health care  
47 practitioners, as defined under s. 456.001, Florida Statutes,  
48 upon and as a condition of licensure renewal to compile the  
49 information required pursuant to this section. The Department of  
50 Health and the Office of Insurance Regulation shall submit their  
51 survey and research findings to the agency and shall assist the  
52 agency in compiling the information to prepare the report.

53 (4) This section expires July 1, 2018.

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56 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

57 Remove line 43 of the amendment and insert:  
58 requirements; creating the Telehealth Advisory Board  
59 within the agency for specified purposes; providing  
60 membership requirements; requiring the board to review  
61 certain findings and make recommendations; providing  
62 an effective date.

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