

By the Committees on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs;  
Health Regulation; and Senator Hill

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to electroconvulsive therapy  
and psychosurgical procedures; requiring the  
Department of Health to compile data on the  
frequency and usage of electroconvulsive  
therapy and psychosurgery procedures on  
children; providing criteria for the data;  
requiring the department to report the data to  
the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Department of Health shall compile data concerning the frequency and usage of electroconvulsive therapy and psychosurgery procedures on children under 18 years of age in this state. The data shall include the severity of the illness requiring these procedures, any adverse events resulting from the procedures, the efficacy of the procedures, the number of these procedures performed over a 3-year period in this state, the age of the children, and the informed-consent process of each procedure. The data shall also include the number of these procedures performed on children who are in the custody of the Department of Children and Family Services or the Department of Juvenile Justice or who reside in facilities operated through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. The department shall report this data to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
CS for Senate Bill 112

The committee substitute (CS) provides that the data to be compiled by the Department of Health (DOH) must include information about the number of procedures performed on children in the custody of the Department of Children and Families or the Department of Juvenile Justice, and on children who reside in Agency for Persons with Disabilities facilities. It requires DOH to report the data to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter.