

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the advisory council on brain and
 3 spinal cord injuries; amending s. 381.78, F.S.;
 4 directing the council to establish a brain injury
 5 committee; providing for membership and duties;
 6 requiring a report; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (4) of
 11 section 381.78, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 381.78 Advisory council on brain and spinal cord
 13 injuries.—

14 (4) The council shall:

15 (c) Appoint a seven-member brain injury committee composed
 16 of one individual who has a traumatic brain injury; one veteran
 17 of the United States Armed Forces who has a traumatic brain
 18 injury; one family member caregiver or former family member
 19 caregiver of an individual who has a traumatic brain injury and
 20 whose care is not state funded; one family member caregiver or
 21 former family member caregiver of an individual who has a
 22 traumatic brain injury and who is a recipient of Medicaid waiver
 23 services; one representative of a health care facility or
 24 rehabilitation center that serves individuals who have traumatic
 25 brain injuries; one representative of a health care practitioner
 26 who specializes in the treatment of individuals who have

27 traumatic brain injuries; and one person who is a traumatic
28 brain injury researcher. Membership on the council is not a
29 prerequisite for membership on the committee. Committee members
30 shall serve without compensation or reimbursement for per diem
31 or travel expenses. The committee shall:

32 1. Research and analyze state trends with respect to
33 traumatic brain injuries.

34 2. Assess the eligibility requirements for and the
35 delivery and availability of traumatic brain injury services
36 provided by the department and other state agencies for
37 individuals who have traumatic brain injuries and their family
38 members and caregivers throughout the continuum of care.

39 3. Assess the delivery and availability of services
40 provided by private businesses or entities, including home and
41 community-based services and respite care services, for
42 individuals who have traumatic brain injuries and education and
43 support services to assist family members and caregivers
44 throughout the continuum of care.

45 4. Review and assess the role of the state in providing
46 community-based treatment, long-term care, and family and
47 caregiver support, including respite care and education
48 regarding the ongoing assessment and management of traumatic
49 brain injuries for individuals who have traumatic brain injuries
50 and their family members and caregivers.

51 5. Determine the needs of individuals who have traumatic
52 brain injuries and examine the efficacy of immediate,

53 intermediate, rehabilitative, and community-based treatment.

54 6. Determine strategies for the provision of coordinated
55 care, services, and support to individuals who have traumatic
56 brain injuries and their family members and caregivers, and
57 strategies to address identified gaps in the provision of
58 services.

59 7. Report its findings and recommendations biannually to
60 the council at its meetings and submit an annual written report
61 to the State Surgeon General.

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