

## Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 684

An act relating to organ transplantation; providing for the Agency for Health Care Administration to create the Organ Transplant Task Force to study organ transplantation programs; requiring the task force to study and make recommendations on the necessity of the issuance of certificates of need for such programs and funding for organ transplantation; providing a date for the task force to report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1)(a) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall create an Organ Transplant Task Force within the Agency for Health Care Administration, which task force must be funded by existing agency funds.

(b) Task force participants shall be responsible for only the expenses that they generate individually through participation. The agency shall be responsible for expenses incidental to the production of any required data or reports.

(2) The task force shall consist of up to 15 members. The task force chairperson shall be selected by majority vote of a quorum present. Eight members shall constitute a quorum. The membership shall include, but not be limited to, a balance of members representing the Agency for Health Care Administration, health care facilities that have existing organ transplantation programs, individual organ transplant health care practitioners, pediatric organ transplantation programs, organ procurement agencies, and organ transplant recipients or family members.

(3) The task force shall meet for the purpose of studying and making recommendations regarding current and future supply of organs in relation to the number of existing organ transplantation programs and the future necessity of the issuance of a certificate of need for proposed organ transplantation programs. At a minimum, the task force shall submit a report to the Legislature which includes a summary of the method of allocation and distribution of organs; a list of facilities performing multiple organ transplants and the number being performed; the number of Medicaid and charity care patients who have received organ transplants by existing organ transplant programs; suggested mechanisms for funding organ transplants, which shall include, but need not be limited to, an organ transplant trust fund for the treatment of Medicaid and charity patients; the impact of trends in health care delivery and financing on organ transplantation; and the number of certificates of need applications reviewed by the Agency for Health Care Administration in the last 5 years, including the number approved or denied and the number litigated.

(4) The task force shall meet at the call of the chairperson. The task force shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 15, 2002. The task force is abolished effective December 31, 2002.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved by the Governor June 6, 2001.

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