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Senator Bullard moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 6, between lines 25 and 26,

insert:

Section 4. (1) The Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the Office of Insurance Regulation, shall conduct a study evaluating the medical necessity, efficacy, and costs associated with mandating health insurers and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for cranial skull molding orthotics and other therapies used in the treatment of deformational or positional plagiocephaly. The agency and office shall evaluate whether or not gaps in coverage currently exist in the small and large group insurance markets for medically necessary care and treatment of plagiocephaly. The agency shall provide information concerning the types of benefits, including the cost of such benefits, provided to Medicaid recipients for the treatment of plagiocephaly, and the demographic characteristics of such Medicaid recipients. The Department of

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1 Health shall coordinate with the agency to provide such
2 information concerning coverage and costs provided to children
3 having plagiocephaly who are enrolled in the Children's
4 Medical Services Program.

5 (2) The agency, in consultation with the office, may
6 contract with an actuary who is a member of the American
7 Academy of Actuaries and other persons who have an extensive
8 background in health insurance for the purpose of assisting
9 the agency in evaluating the medically necessity, efficacy,
10 and costs of such coverage. The agency shall report its
11 findings and recommendations related to mandating insurance
12 coverage for the treatment of plagiocephaly to the President
13 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
14 no later than January 1, 2006.

15 Section 5. For the 2005-2006 fiscal year, the sum of
16 \$25,000 is appropriated in nonrecurring funds from the
17 Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund to the Office of Insurance
18 Regulation for the purpose of funding the study conducted by
19 the Agency for Health Care Administration as provided in
20 section 4.

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22 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)
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25 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

26 And the title is amended as follows:

27 On page 1, line 18, following the semicolon

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29 insert:

30 requiring that the Agency for Health Care
31 Administration, in consultation with the Office

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1 of Insurance Regulation, conduct a study
2 concerning the medical necessity, costs, and
3 efficacy of mandating coverage for certain
4 treatments and therapies relating to congenital
5 craniofacial anomalies; providing an
6 appropriation; requiring that the agency report
7 its findings and recommendations to the
8 Legislature;

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