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Senator Bean moved the following:

1           **Senate Substitute for Amendment (495738) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 834 - 1073  
5 and insert:

6           Section 15. Paragraphs (b) and (k) of subsection (1) of  
7 section 395.401, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

8           395.401 Trauma services system plans; approval of trauma  
9 centers and pediatric trauma centers; procedures; renewal.-

10           (1)

11           (b) The local and regional trauma agencies shall develop  
12 and submit to the department plans for local and regional trauma  
13 services systems. The plans must include, at a minimum, the



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14 following components:

15 1. The organizational structure of the trauma system.

16 2. Prehospital care management guidelines for triage and  
17 transportation of trauma cases.

18 3. Flow patterns of trauma cases and transportation system  
19 design and resources, including air transportation services,  
20 provision for interfacility trauma transfer, and the prehospital  
21 transportation of trauma victims. The trauma agency shall plan  
22 for the development of a system of transportation of trauma  
23 alert victims to trauma centers where the distance or time to a  
24 trauma center or transportation resources diminish access by  
25 trauma alert victims.

26 ~~4. The number and location of needed trauma centers based~~  
27 ~~on local needs, population, and location and distribution of~~  
28 ~~resources.~~

29 ~~4.5.~~ Data collection regarding system operation and patient  
30 outcome.

31 ~~5.6.~~ Periodic performance evaluation of the trauma system  
32 and its components.

33 ~~6.7.~~ The use of air transport services within the  
34 jurisdiction of the local trauma agency.

35 ~~7.8.~~ Public information and education about the trauma  
36 system.

37 ~~8.9.~~ Emergency medical services communication system usage  
38 and dispatching.

39 ~~9.10.~~ The coordination and integration between the trauma  
40 center and other acute care hospitals.

41 ~~10.11.~~ Medical control and accountability.

42 ~~11.12.~~ Quality control and system evaluation.



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43 (k) It is unlawful for any hospital or other facility to  
44 hold itself out as a trauma center unless it has been so  
45 verified or designated pursuant to s. 395.4025(14).

46 Section 16. Section 395.402, Florida Statutes, is amended  
47 to read:

48 395.402 Trauma service areas; number and location of trauma  
49 centers.-

50 (1) ~~The Legislature recognizes the need for a statewide,~~  
51 ~~cohesive, uniform, and integrated trauma system.~~ Within the  
52 trauma service areas, Level I and Level II trauma centers shall  
53 each be capable of annually treating a minimum of 1,000 and 500  
54 patients, respectively, with an injury severity score (ISS) of 9  
55 or greater. ~~Level II trauma centers in counties with a~~  
56 ~~population of more than 500,000 shall have the capacity to care~~  
57 ~~for 1,000 patients per year.~~

58 (2) ~~Trauma service areas as defined in this section are to~~  
59 ~~be utilized until the Department of Health completes an~~  
60 ~~assessment of the trauma system and reports its finding to the~~  
61 ~~Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House~~  
62 ~~of Representatives, and the substantive legislative committees.~~  
63 ~~The report shall be submitted by February 1, 2005. The~~  
64 ~~department shall review the existing trauma system and determine~~  
65 ~~whether it is effective in providing trauma care uniformly~~  
66 ~~throughout the state. The assessment shall:~~

67 (a) ~~Consider aligning trauma service areas within the~~  
68 ~~trauma region boundaries as established in July 2004.~~

69 (b) ~~Review the number and level of trauma centers needed~~  
70 ~~for each trauma service area to provide a statewide integrated~~  
71 ~~trauma system.~~



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72 ~~(c) Establish criteria for determining the number and level~~  
73 ~~of trauma centers needed to serve the population in a defined~~  
74 ~~trauma service area or region.~~

75 ~~(d) Consider including criteria within trauma center~~  
76 ~~approval standards based upon the number of trauma victims~~  
77 ~~served within a service area.~~

78 ~~(e) Review the Regional Domestic Security Task Force~~  
79 ~~structure and determine whether integrating the trauma system~~  
80 ~~planning with interagency regional emergency and disaster~~  
81 ~~planning efforts is feasible and identify any duplication of~~  
82 ~~efforts between the two entities.~~

83 ~~(f) Make recommendations regarding a continued revenue~~  
84 ~~source which shall include a local participation requirement.~~

85 ~~(g) Make recommendations regarding a formula for the~~  
86 ~~distribution of funds identified for trauma centers which shall~~  
87 ~~address incentives for new centers where needed and the need to~~  
88 ~~maintain effective trauma care in areas served by existing~~  
89 ~~centers, with consideration for the volume of trauma patients~~  
90 ~~served, and the amount of charity care provided.~~

91 ~~(3) In conducting such assessment and subsequent annual~~  
92 ~~reviews, the department shall consider:~~

93 ~~(a) The recommendations made as part of the regional trauma~~  
94 ~~system plans submitted by regional trauma agencies.~~

95 ~~(b) Stakeholder recommendations.~~

96 ~~(c) The geographical composition of an area to ensure rapid~~  
97 ~~access to trauma care by patients.~~

98 ~~(d) Historical patterns of patient referral and transfer in~~  
99 ~~an area.~~

100 ~~(e) Inventories of available trauma care resources,~~



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101 ~~including professional medical staff.~~  
102 ~~(f) Population growth characteristics.~~  
103 ~~(g) Transportation capabilities, including ground and air~~  
104 ~~transport.~~  
105 ~~(h) Medically appropriate ground and air travel times.~~  
106 ~~(i) Recommendations of the Regional Domestic Security Task~~  
107 ~~Force.~~  
108 ~~(j) The actual number of trauma victims currently being~~  
109 ~~served by each trauma center.~~  
110 ~~(k) Other appropriate criteria.~~  
111 ~~(4) Annually thereafter, the department shall review the~~  
112 ~~assignment of the 67 counties to trauma service areas, in~~  
113 ~~addition to the requirements of paragraphs (2) (b) (g) and~~  
114 ~~subsection (3). County assignments are made for the purpose of~~  
115 ~~developing a system of trauma centers. Revisions made by the~~  
116 ~~department shall take into consideration the recommendations~~  
117 ~~made as part of the regional trauma system plans approved by the~~  
118 ~~department and the recommendations made as part of the state~~  
119 ~~trauma system plan. In cases where a trauma service area is~~  
120 ~~located within the boundaries of more than one trauma region,~~  
121 ~~the trauma service area's needs, response capability, and system~~  
122 ~~requirements shall be considered by each trauma region served by~~  
123 ~~that trauma service area in its regional system plan. Until the~~  
124 ~~department completes the February 2005 assessment, the~~  
125 ~~assignment of counties shall remain as established in this~~  
126 ~~section.~~  
127 ~~(2)(a)~~ The following trauma service areas are hereby  
128 established:  
129 ~~(a)1.~~ Trauma service area 1 shall consist of Escambia,



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130 Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton Counties.

131 ~~(b)2.~~ Trauma service area 2 shall consist of Bay, Gulf,  
132 Holmes, and Washington Counties.

133 ~~(c)3.~~ Trauma service area 3 shall consist of Calhoun,  
134 Franklin, Gadsden, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison,  
135 Taylor, and Wakulla Counties.

136 ~~(d)4.~~ Trauma service area 4 shall consist of Alachua,  
137 Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy,  
138 Putnam, Suwannee, and Union Counties.

139 ~~(e)5.~~ Trauma service area 5 shall consist of Baker, Clay,  
140 Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns Counties.

141 ~~(f)6.~~ Trauma service area 6 shall consist of Citrus,  
142 Hernando, and Marion Counties.

143 ~~(g)7.~~ Trauma service area 7 shall consist of Flagler and  
144 Volusia Counties.

145 ~~(h)8.~~ Trauma service area 8 shall consist of Lake, Orange,  
146 Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter Counties.

147 ~~(i)9.~~ Trauma service area 9 shall consist of Pasco and  
148 Pinellas Counties.

149 ~~(j)10.~~ Trauma service area 10 shall consist of Hillsborough  
150 County.

151 ~~(k)11.~~ Trauma service area 11 shall consist of Hardee,  
152 Highlands, and Polk Counties.

153 ~~(l)12.~~ Trauma service area 12 shall consist of Brevard and  
154 Indian River Counties.

155 ~~(m)13.~~ Trauma service area 13 shall consist of DeSoto,  
156 Manatee, and Sarasota Counties.

157 ~~(n)14.~~ Trauma service area 14 shall consist of Martin,  
158 Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties.



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159        ~~(o)15.~~ Trauma service area 15 shall consist of Charlotte,  
160 Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties.

161        ~~(p)16.~~ Trauma service area 16 shall consist of Palm Beach  
162 County.

163        ~~(q)17.~~ Trauma service area 17 shall consist of Collier  
164 County.

165        ~~(r)18.~~ Trauma service area 18 shall consist of Broward  
166 County.

167        ~~(s)19.~~ Trauma service area 19 shall consist of Miami-Dade  
168 and Monroe Counties.

169        ~~(3)(b)~~ Each trauma service area should have at least one  
170 Level I or Level II trauma center. To assess additional trauma  
171 services needs in each area, the department shall:

172        (a) Define access standards based on time and distance to  
173 Level I and Level II centers by both ground and air transport;

174        (b) Consider trauma services system plans, inventories of  
175 available trauma care resources including professional medical  
176 staff, as well as other factors; and

177        (c) Define quality standards for trauma centers, including,  
178 but not limited to, minimum volume standards for Level I and  
179 Level II trauma centers which may exceed the minimum levels in  
180 subsection (1). ~~allocate, by rule, the number of trauma centers~~  
181 needed for each trauma service area.

182        ~~(c) There shall be no more than a total of 44 trauma~~  
183 ~~centers in the state.~~

184        Section 17. Subsection (14) of section 395.4025, Florida  
185 Statutes, is amended and subsection (15) is added to that  
186 section to read:

187        395.4025 Trauma centers; selection; quality assurance;



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188 records.-

189 (14) Notwithstanding the procedures established pursuant to  
190 subsections (1) through (13) in this section, hospitals located  
191 in areas with limited access to trauma center services shall be  
192 designated by the department as a Level II trauma center based  
193 on documentation of a valid certificate of trauma center  
194 verification from the American College of Surgeons. Areas with  
195 limited access to trauma center services are defined by the  
196 following criteria:

197 (a) The hospital is located in a trauma service area with:

- 198 1. A population greater than 600,000 persons but a  
199 population density of less than 225 persons per square mile or  
200 2. A population greater than 2 million persons but with  
201 only one trauma center; and,

202 (b) The hospital is located in a county with no designated  
203 or provisional trauma center; and,

204 (c) The hospital is located at least 15 miles or 20 minutes  
205 travel time by ground transport from the nearest trauma center.

206 ~~any other provisions of this section and rules adopted~~  
207 ~~pursuant to this section, until the department has conducted the~~  
208 ~~review provided under s. 395.402, only hospitals located in~~  
209 ~~trauma services areas where there is no existing trauma center~~  
210 ~~may apply.~~

211 (15) Trauma centers designated as Level I, Level II, or  
212 pediatric trauma centers as of July 1, 2013 shall retain such  
213 designation unless the department determines the hospital is no  
214 longer able to comply with the adopted standards for such  
215 centers. A trauma center provisionally approved as a Level II  
216 trauma center as of July 1, 2013 may complete the application





217 process through verification by the department as a Level II  
218 Trauma Center.

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221 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

222 And the title is amended as follows:

223 Delete lines 62 - 82

224 and insert:

225 center"; amending s. 395.401, F.S.; revising the  
226 components of plans for local and regional trauma  
227 services systems; revising a prohibited act to  
228 recognize that a hospital or other facility may be  
229 either verified or designated as a trauma center;  
230 amending s. 395.402, F.S., repealing provisions  
231 relating to the Department of Health's assignment of  
232 counties to trauma service areas; repealing outdated  
233 provisions requiring the Department of Health to  
234 conduct a study; repealing provisions requiring the  
235 Department of Health to annually review the assignment  
236 of counties to trauma service centers; repealing  
237 provisions regarding the number of trauma centers in  
238 each trauma service area and in the state; providing  
239 criteria for assessing additional trauma services  
240 needs in each trauma service area; amending s.  
241 395.4025, F.S.; establishing criteria for designating  
242 Level II trauma centers in areas with limited access  
243 to trauma center services; retaining trauma center  
244 designation for centers designated or provisionally  
245 approved as of July 1, 2013; amending s. 395.701,



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F.S.; revising the