

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2017 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/CS/SB 474 — Hospice Care

by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senator Grimsley

The bill amends and creates a section of the Florida Statutes related to the provision of hospice care. The bill:

- Requires the Department of Elder Affairs and the Agency for Health Care Administration to adopt federal guidelines and survey data for hospice outcome measures by December 31, 2019, and to develop a system for reporting national hospice outcome measures and survey data to consumers;
- Creates new requirements for hospices that assist in the disposal of prescribed controlled substances after a patient's death; and
- Provides additional parameters under which a hospice is authorized to release a patient's medical records.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 119-0