

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care

317-1048-04

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to patient safety; requiring  
3           the Patient Safety Center at the Florida State  
4           University College of Medicine to study the  
5           return on investment by hospitals from  
6           implementing computerized physician order entry  
7           and other information technologies related to  
8           patient safety; providing requirements for the  
9           study; requiring a report to the Governor and  
10          the Legislature; amending s. 395.1012, F.S.;  
11          providing additional duties of the patient  
12          safety committee at hospitals and other  
13          licensed facilities; requiring patient safety  
14          officers to make certain recommendations  
15          concerning the use of computerized physician  
16          order entry and other information technologies;  
17          providing an effective date.

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

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21           Section 1. The Patient Safety Center at the Florida  
22 State University College of Medicine, in collaboration with  
23 researchers at other state universities, shall conduct a study  
24 to analyze the return on investment that hospitals in this  
25 state could realize from implementing computerized physician  
26 order entry and other information technologies related to  
27 patient safety. For the purposes of this analysis, the return  
28 on investment shall include both financial results and  
29 benefits relating to quality of care and patient safety. The  
30 study must include a representative sample of large and small  
31 hospitals, located in urban and rural areas, in the north,

1 central, and southern regions of the state. By February 1,  
2 2005, the Patient Safety Center at the Florida State  
3 University College of Medicine must submit a report to the  
4 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
5 House of Representatives concerning the results of the study.

6 Section 2. Section 395.1012, Florida Statutes, is  
7 amended to read:

8 395.1012 Patient safety.--

9 (1) Each licensed facility must adopt a patient safety  
10 plan. A plan adopted to implement the requirements of 42  
11 C.F.R. part 482.21 shall be deemed to comply with this  
12 requirement.

13 (2) Each licensed facility shall appoint a patient  
14 safety officer and a patient safety committee, which shall  
15 include at least one person who is neither employed by nor  
16 practicing in the facility, for the purpose of promoting the  
17 health and safety of patients, reviewing and evaluating the  
18 quality of patient safety measures used by the facility,  
19 recommending improvements in the patient safety measures used  
20 by the facility,and assisting in the implementation of the  
21 facility patient safety plan.

22 (3) The patient safety officer must recommend changes  
23 in the system of patient care which would be necessary for the  
24 hospital to use computerized physician order entry and other  
25 information technologies.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
27 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the Patient Safety Center at the Florida State University College of Medicine to study the return on investment by hospitals from implementing computerized physician order entry and other information technologies related to patient safety. Requires the center to report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Requires the patient safety committee and the patient safety officer at hospitals and other licensed facilities to make recommendations concerning patient safety.