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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to reimbursement for trauma center
 3 services; amending s. 395.403, F.S.; revising a
 4 legislative finding; requiring trauma centers to include
 5 in certain claims the cost of certain medically necessary
 6 services provided by certain persons; requiring such
 7 centers to pay such persons amounts paid for such services
 8 under a claim; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 395.403, Florida
 13 Statutes, is amended, subsection (8) is renumbered as subsection
 14 (9), and a new subsection (8) is added to said section, to read:

15 395.403 Reimbursement of state-sponsored trauma centers.--

16 (1) The Legislature finds that many hospitals, physicians,
 17 and health care professionals that ~~which~~ provide services to
 18 trauma victims are not adequately compensated for such
 19 treatment. The Legislature also recognizes that the current
 20 verified trauma centers are providing such services without
 21 adequate reimbursement. Therefore, it is the intent of the
 22 Legislature to provide financial support to the current verified
 23 trauma centers and to establish a system of state-sponsored
 24 trauma centers as soon as feasibly possible. It is also the
 25 intent of the Legislature that this system of state-sponsored
 26 trauma centers be assisted financially based on the volume and
 27 acuity of uncompensated trauma care provided.

28 (8) A state-sponsored trauma center shall include the cost
 29 of medically necessary services rendered by physicians and other

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30 health care professionals to eligible patients at such center in
31 each claim submitted and pay such physicians and health care
32 professionals any amount paid by the state for such services
33 under the claim.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.