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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to hospital regulations;
3	creating s. 395.1019, F.S.; requiring certain
4	medical facilities to provide information about
5	emergency contraception to victims of sexual
6	assault; requiring the Agency for Health Care
7	Administration and the Division of Victim
8	Services of the Office of the Attorney General
9	to prepare and produce the information
10	regarding emergency contraception; requiring
11	certain medical facilities to have training
12	policies and procedures about the use and
13	dissemination of emergency contraception to
14	victims of sexual assault; providing an
15	effective date.
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17	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19	Section 1. 395.1019 Emergency services for victims of
20	sexual assault
21	(1) A licensed facility that provides emergency room
22	services shall:
23	(a) Provide to a victim of sexual assault medically
24	and factually accurate and objective oral and written
25	information concerning emergency contraception;
26	(b) Orally inform a victim of sexual assault of her
27	option to be provided an emergency contraceptive at the
28	licensed facility; and
29	(c) Immediately provide an emergency contraceptive to
30	a victim of sexual assault who requests it.
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1	(2) As used in this section, the term "sexual assault"
2	means:
3	(a) Sexual battery, as defined in chapter 794;
4	(b) A lewd and lascivious act, as defined in chapter
5	800;
6	(c) Sexual conduct as defined in chapter 827;
7	(d) Deviate sexual intercourse as defined in chapter
8	827; or
9	(e) Any other forcible felony wherein a sexual act is
10	committed or attempted,
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12	regardless of whether criminal charges were filed, reduced, or
13	dismissed by the state attorney.
14	(3) The Agency for Health Care Administration, in
15	cooperation with the Division of Victim Services within the
16	Office of the Attorney General, shall develop, prepare, and
17	produce written information relating to emergency
18	contraception for distribution and use in each licensed
19	facility that provides emergency room services in this state.
20	(4) The written information regarding emergency
21	contraception must be clearly written, readily comprehensible,
22	unbiased, and medically and factually accurate.
23	(5) A licensed facility that provides emergency room
24	services shall have written policies and procedures to ensure
25	that a health care professional who provides care or
26	information to a victim of sexual assault is trained to
27	provide medically and factually accurate and objective
28	information concerning emergency contraception to the victim
29	of sexual assault.
30	Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2006.
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********** SENATE SUMMARY Requires certain medical facilities to provide information about emergency contraception to sexual assault victims. Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Division of Victim Services of the Office of the Attorney General to prepare and produce the information regarding emergency contraception. Requires certain medical facilities to have training policies and procedures about the use and dissemination of emergency contraception to sexual assault victims.