

By Senator Garcia

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to epidemiological monitoring systems;  
3 amending s. 395.3025, F.S.; authorizing the Department  
4 of Health to collaborate with and disclose certain  
5 information to the United States Centers for Disease  
6 Control and Prevention for specified purposes;  
7 providing an effective date.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 395.3025, Florida  
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 395.3025 Patient and personnel records; copies;  
14 examination.-

15 (5) The Department of Health may examine patient records of  
16 a licensed facility, whether held by the facility or the Agency  
17 for Health Care Administration, for the purpose of  
18 epidemiological investigations. The unauthorized release of  
19 information by agents of the department which would identify an  
20 individual patient is a misdemeanor of the first degree,  
21 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. The  
22 department may collaborate with, and disclose such information  
23 to, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
24 as part of the epidemiological monitoring systems to which both  
25 the department and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
26 staff have access, as long as the systems meet federal standards  
27 for the protection of personal health information.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.