

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to epidemiological monitoring systems;
3 amending s. 395.3025, F.S.; authorizing the Department of
4 Health to collaborate with and disclose certain
5 information to the United States Centers for Disease
6 Control and Prevention for specified purposes; providing
7 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
16 of a licensed facility, whether held by the facility or the
17 Agency 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. Collaboration and disclosures authorized by
27 this subsection must comply with relevant state and federal
28 privacy and security laws and regulations.

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