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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to sovereign immunity; amending s. 768.28, F.S.; providing certain medical schools with sovereign immunity protection while their employees and students provide services to public health trust patients at certain hospitals and health care facilities; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (21) is added to section 768.28, Florida Statutes, to read:

768.28 Waiver of sovereign immunity in tort actions; recovery limits; limitation on attorney fees; statute of limitations; exclusions; indemnification; risk management programs.—

(21) An accredited school of medicine that is not otherwise considered a state agency or subdivision for purposes of this section is considered a state agency or subdivision for purposes of this section while a health care practitioner, as defined s. 456.001, employed by the school or a student of the school who is studying to become a practitioner is providing health care services to a public health trust patient at a hospital, as defined in s. 395.002, that is publicly owned or controlled or a publicly owned or controlled health care facility, as defined in s. 408.07, that is affiliated with such a hospital.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.