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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health care; requiring the  
3           Department of Health to convene a study group to  
4           evaluate the need for a statewide repository for the  
5           core credentials data of health care practitioners;  
6           providing requirements for the study group; requiring  
7           the study group to submit recommendations to the  
8           Governor and Legislature; providing an effective date.

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10           WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that an efficient and  
11           effective health care practitioner credentialing program helps  
12           ensure access to quality health care and that the demand for  
13           health care practitioner credentialing activities has increased  
14           as a result of health care reform and recent changes affecting  
15           the delivery of and reimbursement for health care, and

16           WHEREAS, the resulting duplication of health care  
17           practitioner credentialing activities is costly and cumbersome  
18           for both the practitioner and the entity granting practice  
19           privileges, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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23           Section 1. (1) The Department of Health shall convene a  
24           study group to evaluate the need for a statewide primary source  
25           verification repository for the core credentials data of health  
26           care practitioners.

27           (2) The study group shall perform an assessment to  
28           evaluate the need for a statewide primary source verification

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29 repository for the core credentials data of health care  
30 practitioners. The assessment shall address factors including,  
31 but not limited to, potential costs, timelines for  
32 implementation, procurement options, and the impact on the  
33 private sector. The study group shall submit recommendations to  
34 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
35 the House of Representatives by July 1, 2014.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.