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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Bean) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (342762) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 458 - 535

5 and insert:

6 Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) and subsection
7 (14) of section 395.4001, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

8 395.4001 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

9 (7) "Level II trauma center" means a trauma center that:

10 (a) Is verified by the department to be in substantial
11 compliance with Level II trauma center standards and has been
12 approved by the department to operate as a Level II trauma



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13 center or is designated pursuant to s. 395.4025(14).

14 (14) "Trauma center" means a hospital that has been
15 verified by the department to be in substantial compliance with
16 the requirements in s. 395.4025 and has been approved by the
17 department to operate as a Level I trauma center, Level II
18 trauma center, or pediatric trauma center, or is designated by
19 the department as a Level II trauma center pursuant to
20 s. 395.4025(14).

21 Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph
22 (3) of section 395.401, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

23 395.401 Trauma services system plans; approval of trauma
24 centers and pediatric trauma centers; procedures; renewal.-

25 (1)

26 (b) The local and regional trauma agencies shall develop
27 and submit to the department plans for local and regional trauma
28 services systems. The plans must include, at a minimum, the
29 following components:

30 1. The organizational structure of the trauma system.

31 2. Prehospital care management guidelines for triage and
32 transportation of trauma cases.

33 3. Flow patterns of trauma cases and transportation system
34 design and resources, including air transportation services,
35 provision for interfacility trauma transfer, and the prehospital
36 transportation of trauma victims. The trauma agency shall plan
37 for the development of a system of transportation of trauma
38 alert victims to trauma centers where the distance or time to a
39 trauma center or transportation resources diminish access by
40 trauma alert victims.

41 ~~4. The number and location of needed trauma centers based~~



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42 ~~on local needs, population, and location and distribution of~~
43 ~~resources.~~

44 ~~4.5.~~ Data collection regarding system operation and patient
45 outcome.

46 ~~5.6.~~ Periodic performance evaluation of the trauma system
47 and its components.

48 ~~6.7.~~ The use of air transport services within the
49 jurisdiction of the local trauma agency.

50 ~~7.8.~~ Public information and education about the trauma
51 system.

52 ~~8.9.~~ Emergency medical services communication system usage
53 and dispatching.

54 ~~9.10.~~ The coordination and integration between the trauma
55 center and other acute care hospitals.

56 ~~10.11.~~ Medical control and accountability.

57 ~~11.12.~~ Quality control and system evaluation.

58 (3) The department may withdraw local or regional agency
59 authority, prescribe corrective actions, or use the
60 administrative remedies as provided in s. 395.1065 for the
61 violation of any provision of this section and ss. 395.4015,
62 ~~395.402~~, 395.4025, 395.403, 395.404, and 395.4045 or rules
63 adopted thereunder. All amounts collected pursuant to this
64 subsection shall be deposited into the Emergency Medical
65 Services Trust Fund provided in s. 401.34.

66 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 395.4015, Florida
67 Statutes, is amended to read:

68 395.4015 State regional trauma planning; trauma regions.—

69 (1) The department shall establish a state trauma system
70 plan. As part of the state trauma system plan, the department



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71 shall establish trauma regions that cover all geographical areas
72 of the state and have boundaries that are coterminous with the
73 boundaries of the regional domestic security task forces
74 established under s. 943.0312. These regions may serve as the
75 basis for the development of department-approved local or
76 regional trauma plans. However, such regional plans shall
77 recognize trauma service areas that reflect well established
78 patient flow patterns. The delivery of trauma services by or in
79 coordination with a trauma agency established before July 1,
80 2004, may continue in accordance with public and private
81 agreements and operational procedures entered into as provided
82 in s. 395.401.

83 Section 17. Section 395.402, Florida Statutes, is amended
84 to read:

85 395.402 Trauma service areas; ~~number and location of trauma~~
86 ~~centers.-~~

87 ~~(1) The Legislature recognizes the need for a statewide,~~
88 ~~cohesive, uniform, and integrated trauma system. Within the~~
89 ~~trauma service areas, Level I and Level II trauma centers shall~~
90 ~~each be capable of annually treating a minimum of 1,000 and 500~~
91 ~~patients, respectively, with an injury severity score (ISS) of 9~~
92 ~~or greater. Level II trauma centers in counties with a~~
93 ~~population of more than 500,000 shall have the capacity to care~~
94 ~~for 1,000 patients per year.~~

95 ~~(2) Trauma service areas as defined in this section are to~~
96 ~~be utilized until the Department of Health completes an~~
97 ~~assessment of the trauma system and reports its finding to the~~
98 ~~Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House~~
99 ~~of Representatives, and the substantive legislative committees.~~



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100 ~~The report shall be submitted by February 1, 2005. The~~
101 ~~department shall review the existing trauma system and determine~~
102 ~~whether it is effective in providing trauma care uniformly~~
103 ~~throughout the state. The assessment shall:~~

104 ~~(a) Consider aligning trauma service areas within the~~
105 ~~trauma region boundaries as established in July 2004.~~

106 ~~(b) Review the number and level of trauma centers needed~~
107 ~~for each trauma service area to provide a statewide integrated~~
108 ~~trauma system.~~

109 ~~(c) Establish criteria for determining the number and level~~
110 ~~of trauma centers needed to serve the population in a defined~~
111 ~~trauma service area or region.~~

112 ~~(d) Consider including criteria within trauma center~~
113 ~~approval standards based upon the number of trauma victims~~
114 ~~served within a service area.~~

115 ~~(e) Review the Regional Domestic Security Task Force~~
116 ~~structure and determine whether integrating the trauma system~~
117 ~~planning with interagency regional emergency and disaster~~
118 ~~planning efforts is feasible and identify any duplication of~~
119 ~~efforts between the two entities.~~

120 ~~(f) Make recommendations regarding a continued revenue~~
121 ~~source which shall include a local participation requirement.~~

122 ~~(g) Make recommendations regarding a formula for the~~
123 ~~distribution of funds identified for trauma centers which shall~~
124 ~~address incentives for new centers where needed and the need to~~
125 ~~maintain effective trauma care in areas served by existing~~
126 ~~centers, with consideration for the volume of trauma patients~~
127 ~~served, and the amount of charity care provided.~~

128 ~~(3) In conducting such assessment and subsequent annual~~



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129 ~~reviews, the department shall consider:~~
130 ~~(a) The recommendations made as part of the regional trauma~~
131 ~~system plans submitted by regional trauma agencies.~~
132 ~~(b) Stakeholder recommendations.~~
133 ~~(c) The geographical composition of an area to ensure rapid~~
134 ~~access to trauma care by patients.~~
135 ~~(d) Historical patterns of patient referral and transfer in~~
136 ~~an area.~~
137 ~~(e) Inventories of available trauma care resources,~~
138 ~~including professional medical staff.~~
139 ~~(f) Population growth characteristics.~~
140 ~~(g) Transportation capabilities, including ground and air~~
141 ~~transport.~~
142 ~~(h) Medically appropriate ground and air travel times.~~
143 ~~(i) Recommendations of the Regional Domestic Security Task~~
144 ~~Force.~~
145 ~~(j) The actual number of trauma victims currently being~~
146 ~~served by each trauma center.~~
147 ~~(k) Other appropriate criteria.~~
148 ~~(4) Annually thereafter, the department shall review the~~
149 ~~assignment of the 67 counties to trauma service areas, in~~
150 ~~addition to the requirements of paragraphs (2) (b) (g) and~~
151 ~~subsection (3). County assignments are made for the purpose of~~
152 ~~developing a system of trauma centers. Revisions made by the~~
153 ~~department shall take into consideration the recommendations~~
154 ~~made as part of the regional trauma system plans approved by the~~
155 ~~department and the recommendations made as part of the state~~
156 ~~trauma system plan. In cases where a trauma service area is~~
157 ~~located within the boundaries of more than one trauma region,~~



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158 ~~the trauma service area's needs, response capability, and system~~
159 ~~requirements shall be considered by each trauma region served by~~
160 ~~that trauma service area in its regional system plan. Until the~~
161 ~~department completes the February 2005 assessment, the~~
162 ~~assignment of counties shall remain as established in this~~
163 ~~section.~~

164 ~~(a)~~The following trauma service areas are hereby
165 established:

166 (1)~~1.~~ Trauma service area 1 shall consist of Escambia,
167 Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton Counties.

168 (2)~~2.~~ Trauma service area 2 shall consist of Bay, Gulf,
169 Holmes, and Washington Counties.

170 (3)~~3.~~ Trauma service area 3 shall consist of Calhoun,
171 Franklin, Gadsden, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison,
172 Taylor, and Wakulla Counties.

173 (4)~~4.~~ Trauma service area 4 shall consist of Alachua,
174 Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy,
175 Putnam, Suwannee, and Union Counties.

176 (5)~~5.~~ Trauma service area 5 shall consist of Baker, Clay,
177 Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns Counties.

178 (6)~~6.~~ Trauma service area 6 shall consist of Citrus,
179 Hernando, and Marion Counties.

180 (7)~~7.~~ Trauma service area 7 shall consist of Flagler and
181 Volusia Counties.

182 (8)~~8.~~ Trauma service area 8 shall consist of Lake, Orange,
183 Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter Counties.

184 (9)~~9.~~ Trauma service area 9 shall consist of Pasco and
185 Pinellas Counties.

186 (10)~~10.~~ Trauma service area 10 shall consist of



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187 Hillsborough County.

188 ~~(11)11.~~ Trauma service area 11 shall consist of Hardee,
189 Highlands, and Polk Counties.

190 ~~(12)12.~~ Trauma service area 12 shall consist of Brevard and
191 Indian River Counties.

192 ~~(13)13.~~ Trauma service area 13 shall consist of DeSoto,
193 Manatee, and Sarasota Counties.

194 ~~(14)14.~~ Trauma service area 14 shall consist of Martin,
195 Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties.

196 ~~(15)15.~~ Trauma service area 15 shall consist of Charlotte,
197 Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties.

198 ~~(16)16.~~ Trauma service area 16 shall consist of Palm Beach
199 County.

200 ~~(17)17.~~ Trauma service area 17 shall consist of Collier
201 County.

202 ~~(18)18.~~ Trauma service area 18 shall consist of Broward
203 County.

204 ~~(19)19.~~ Trauma service area 19 shall consist of Miami-Dade
205 and Monroe Counties.

206 ~~(b) Each trauma service area should have at least one Level
207 I or Level II trauma center. The department shall allocate, by
208 rule, the number of trauma centers needed for each trauma
209 service area.~~

210 ~~(c) There shall be no more than a total of 44 trauma
211 centers in the state.~~

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214 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

215 And the title is amended as follows:



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216 Delete lines 3392 - 3395
217 and insert:
218 flow patterns; amending s. 395.402, F.S., repealing
219 provisions relating to the Department of Health's
220 assignment of counties to trauma service areas;
221 repealing outdated provisions requiring the Department
222 of Health to conduct a study; repealing provisions
223 requiring the Department of Health to annually review
224 the assignment of counties to trauma service centers;
225 repealing provisions regarding the number of trauma
226 centers in each trauma service area and in the state;
227 amending s. 395.4025, F.S.; establishing criteria for
228 designating Level II trauma centers in areas with
229 limited access to trauma center services; amending
230 s. 395.405, F.S., removing rulemaking authority for
231 s. 395.402, F.S.; amending s.