

By Senator Bean

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to a cardiac advisory council for  
3           children's services councils; creating s. 391.224,  
4           F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to appoint a  
5           cardiac advisory council for specified purposes;  
6           specifying the duties and composition of the council;  
7           providing appointments and term limits for the  
8           council; prohibiting an employee of the department  
9           from serving on the council; prohibiting council  
10          members from receiving compensation; providing an  
11          exception for per diem and travel expenses; requiring  
12          council meetings to be conducted by teleconference  
13          where that capability is available; providing an  
14          effective date.

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

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18           Section 1. Section 391.224, Florida Statutes, is created to  
19           read:

20           391.224 Cardiac advisory council.-

21           (1) The department shall appoint a cardiac advisory council  
22           for the purpose of advising the department on the delivery of  
23           cardiac services to children. The duties of the council include,  
24           but are not limited to:

25           (a) Recommending standards for personnel and facilities  
26           rendering cardiac services.

27           (b) Analyzing reports on the periodic review of cardiac  
28           personnel and facilities to determine if established standards  
29           for the cardiac services are met.

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30 (c) Making recommendations to the director of Children's  
31 Medical Services as to the approval or disapproval of reviewed  
32 personnel and facilities. At the recommendation of the cardiac  
33 advisory council and with the approval of the director, the  
34 secretary of the department shall designate facilities approved  
35 under this paragraph as "Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular  
36 Centers of Excellence." The designation is withdrawn  
37 automatically if a particular center no longer meets state and  
38 national professional standards of care for children with heart  
39 disease.

40 (d) Making recommendations as to the intervals for  
41 reinspection of approved personnel and facilities.

42 (e) Providing input on all aspects of Children's Medical  
43 Services cardiac programs, including rulemaking.

44 (f) Addressing all components of the care of adults and  
45 children with congenital heart disease and children with  
46 acquired heart disease, as indicated and appropriate.

47 (g) Abiding by the recognized state and national  
48 professional standards of care for children with heart disease.

49 (h) Making recommendations for legislation and  
50 appropriations for children's cardiac services.

51 (i) Providing advisory opinions to the Agency for Health  
52 Care Administration before the agency approves a certificate of  
53 need for children's cardiac services.

54 (2) The council shall be composed of 11 members with  
55 technical expertise in cardiac medicine. Members shall be  
56 appointed by the department for staggered terms of 4 years. An  
57 employee of the department may not serve as a member or ex  
58 officio member of the council. A vacancy shall be filled for the

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59 remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the  
60 original appointment. A member may not be appointed for more  
61 than two consecutive terms. However, a member may be reappointed  
62 after being off the council for at least 2 years.

63 (3) A council member shall serve without compensation, but  
64 is entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses in  
65 accordance with s. 112.061.

66 (4) Council meetings must be conducted by teleconference  
67 where that capability is available.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.