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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to stroke centers; amending s.
 395.3038, F.S.; directing the Agency for Health Care
 Administration to include hospitals that meet the
 criteria for acute stroke ready centers on a list of
 stroke centers; creating s. 395.30381, F.S.; requiring
 the department to contract with a private entity to
 establish and maintain a statewide stroke registry,
 subject to an appropriation; requiring stroke centers
 to provide certain information to the statewide stroke
 registry; requiring the contracted entity to use a
 nationally recognized platform to collect data;
 requiring the contracted entity to provide reports to
 the department on stroke performance measures;
 providing immunity from liability under certain
 circumstances; amending s. 395.3041, F.S.; conforming
 a provision to changes made by the act and deleting
 obsolete dates; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 395.3038, Florida Statutes, is amended
 to read:

395.3038 State-listed ~~primary stroke centers and~~
~~comprehensive~~ stroke centers; notification of hospitals.—

(1) The agency shall make available on its website and to
 the department a list of the name and address of each hospital
 that meets the criteria for an acute stroke ready center, a

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30 primary stroke center, ~~or and the name and address of each~~
31 ~~hospital that meets the criteria for a comprehensive stroke~~
32 center. The list of ~~primary and comprehensive~~ stroke centers
33 must include only those hospitals that attest in an affidavit
34 submitted to the agency that the hospital meets the named
35 criteria, or those hospitals that attest in an affidavit
36 submitted to the agency that the hospital is certified as an
37 acute stroke ready center, a primary stroke center, or a
38 comprehensive stroke center by a nationally recognized ~~an~~
39 accrediting organization.

40 (2) (a) If a hospital no longer chooses to meet the criteria
41 for an acute stroke ready center, a primary stroke center, or a
42 comprehensive stroke center, the hospital shall notify the
43 agency and the agency shall immediately remove the hospital from
44 the list of stroke centers.

45 (b)1. This subsection does not apply if the hospital is
46 unable to provide stroke treatment services for a period of time
47 not to exceed 2 months. The hospital shall immediately notify
48 all local emergency medical services providers when the
49 temporary unavailability of stroke treatment services begins and
50 when the services resume.

51 2. If stroke treatment services are unavailable for more
52 than 2 months, the agency shall remove the hospital from the
53 list of ~~primary or comprehensive~~ stroke centers until the
54 hospital notifies the agency that stroke treatment services have
55 been resumed.

56 (3) The agency shall adopt by rule criteria for an acute
57 stroke ready center, a primary stroke center, and a
58 comprehensive stroke center which are substantially similar to

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59 the certification standards for the same categories of primary
60 stroke centers of a nationally recognized accrediting
61 organization ~~the Joint Commission.~~

62 ~~(4) The agency shall adopt by rule criteria for a~~
63 ~~comprehensive stroke center. However, if the Joint Commission~~
64 ~~establishes criteria for a comprehensive stroke center, agency~~
65 ~~rules shall be substantially similar.~~

66 (4)~~(5)~~ This act is not a medical practice guideline and may
67 not be used to restrict the authority of a hospital to provide
68 services for which it is licensed under chapter 395. The
69 Legislature intends that all patients be treated individually
70 based on each patient's needs and circumstances.

71 Section 2. Section 395.30381, Florida Statutes, is created
72 to read:

73 395.30381 Statewide stroke registry.-

74 (1) Subject to a specific appropriation, the department
75 shall contract with a private entity to establish and maintain a
76 statewide stroke registry to ensure that the stroke performance
77 measures required to be submitted under subsection (2) are
78 maintained and available for use to improve or modify the stroke
79 care system, ensure compliance with standards, and monitor
80 stroke patient outcomes.

81 (2) Each acute ready stroke center, primary stroke center,
82 and comprehensive stroke center shall regularly report to the
83 statewide stroke registry information specified by the
84 department, including nationally recognized stroke performance
85 measures.

86 (3) The department shall require the contracted entity to
87 use a nationally recognized platform to collect data from each

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88 stroke center on the stroke performance measures required in
89 subsection (2). The contracted entity shall provide regular
90 reports to the department on the data collected.

91 (4) No liability of any kind or character for damages or
92 other relief shall arise or be enforced against any acute ready
93 stroke center, primary stroke center, or comprehensive stroke
94 center by reason of having provided such information to the
95 statewide stroke registry.

96 Section 3. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section
97 395.3041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

98 395.3041 Emergency medical services providers; triage and
99 transportation of stroke victims to a stroke center.—

100 (1) By June 1 of each year, the department shall send the
101 list of acute stroke ready centers, primary stroke centers, and
102 comprehensive stroke centers to the medical director of each
103 licensed emergency medical services provider in this state.

104 (2) The department shall develop a sample stroke-triage
105 assessment tool. The department must post this sample assessment
106 tool on its website and provide a copy of the assessment tool to
107 each licensed emergency medical services provider ~~no later than~~
108 ~~June 1, 2005~~. Each licensed emergency medical services provider
109 must use a stroke-triage assessment tool that is substantially
110 similar to the sample stroke-triage assessment tool provided by
111 the department.

112 (4) Each emergency medical services provider licensed under
113 chapter 401 must comply with all sections of this act ~~by July 1,~~
114 ~~2005~~.

115 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.