

By Senator Grimsley

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to adult cardiovascular services;  
3           amending s. 408.0361, F.S.; establishing additional  
4           criteria that must be included by the Agency for  
5           Health Care Administration in rules relating to adult  
6           cardiovascular services at hospitals seeking licensure  
7           for a Level I program; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
12   408.0361, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           408.0361 Cardiovascular services and burn unit licensure.—

14           (3) In establishing rules for adult cardiovascular  
15   services, the agency shall include provisions that allow for:

16           (b) For a hospital seeking a Level I program, demonstration  
17   that, for the most recent 12-month period as reported to the  
18   agency, it has provided a minimum of 300 adult inpatient and  
19   outpatient diagnostic cardiac catheterizations or, for the most  
20   recent 12-month period, has discharged or transferred at least  
21   300 inpatients with the principal diagnosis of ischemic heart  
22   disease and that it has a formalized, written transfer agreement  
23   with a hospital that has a Level II program, including written  
24   transport protocols to ensure safe and efficient transfer of a  
25   patient within 60 minutes. However, a hospital located more than  
26   100 road miles from the closest Level II adult cardiovascular  
27   services program does not need to meet the 60-minute transfer  
28   time protocol if the hospital demonstrates that it has a  
29   formalized, written transfer agreement with a hospital that has  
30   a Level II program. The agreement must include written transport  
31   protocols to ensure the safe and efficient transfer of a  
32   patient, taking into consideration the patient's clinical and

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33 physical characteristics, road and weather conditions, and  
34 viability of ground and air ambulance service to transfer the  
35 patient. At a minimum, the rules for adult cardiovascular  
36 services must require nursing and technical staff to have  
37 demonstrated experience in handling acutely ill patients  
38 requiring percutaneous cardiac intervention in dedicated cardiac  
39 interventional laboratories or surgical centers. If a staff  
40 member's previous experience was in a dedicated cardiac  
41 interventional laboratory at a hospital that did not have an  
42 approved adult open-heart-surgery program, the staff member's  
43 previous experience does not qualify unless, at the time the  
44 staff member acquired his or her experience, the dedicated  
45 cardiac interventional laboratory:

46 1. Had an annual volume of 500 or more percutaneous cardiac  
47 intervention procedures;

48 2. Achieved a demonstrated success rate of 95 percent or  
49 greater for percutaneous cardiac intervention procedures;

50 3. Experienced a complication rate of less than 5 percent  
51 for percutaneous cardiac intervention procedures; and

52 4. Performed diverse cardiac procedures, including, but not  
53 limited to, balloon angioplasty and stenting, rotational  
54 atherectomy, cutting balloon atheroma remodeling, and procedures  
55 relating to left ventricular support capability.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.