

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to allocation of trauma centers;
3 amending s. 395.402, F.S.; determining the need for a
4 minimum number of Level I or Level II adult trauma
5 centers in trauma service areas with certain
6 population levels; authorizing the Department of
7 Health to allocate additional trauma centers above the
8 minimum number deemed necessary; requiring all Level
9 I, Level II, and pediatric trauma centers with
10 provisional approval, final approval, or verification
11 from the department to count against the total number
12 of trauma centers allocated statewide; amending s.
13 395.4025, F.S.; determining the need for a minimum
14 number of Level I or Level II adult trauma centers in
15 trauma service areas with certain population levels;
16 deleting an obsolete provision; providing an effective
17 date.

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

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21 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 395.402, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 395.402 Trauma service areas; number and location of
24 trauma centers.—

25 (4) Annually thereafter, the department shall review the
26 assignment of the 67 counties to trauma service areas, in
27 addition to the requirements of paragraphs (2)(b)-(g) and
28 subsection (3). County assignments are made for the purpose of
29 developing a system of trauma centers. Revisions made by the
30 department shall take into consideration the recommendations
31 made as part of the regional trauma system plans approved by the
32 department and the recommendations made as part of the state
33 trauma system plan. In cases where a trauma service area is
34 located within the boundaries of more than one trauma region,
35 the trauma service area's needs, response capability, and system
36 requirements shall be considered by each trauma region served by
37 that trauma service area in its regional system plan. ~~Until the~~
38 ~~department completes the February 2005 assessment, the~~
39 ~~assignment of counties shall remain as established in this~~
40 ~~section.~~

41 (a) The following trauma service areas are hereby
42 established:

43 1. Trauma service area 1 shall consist of Escambia,
44 Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton Counties.

45 2. Trauma service area 2 shall consist of Bay, Gulf,
46 Holmes, and Washington Counties.

47 3. Trauma service area 3 shall consist of Calhoun,
48 Franklin, Gadsden, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison,
49 Taylor, and Wakulla Counties.

50 4. Trauma service area 4 shall consist of Alachua,
51 Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy,
52 Putnam, Suwannee, and Union Counties.

53 5. Trauma service area 5 shall consist of Baker, Clay,
54 Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns Counties.

55 6. Trauma service area 6 shall consist of Citrus,
56 Hernando, and Marion Counties.

57 7. Trauma service area 7 shall consist of Flagler and
58 Volusia Counties.

59 8. Trauma service area 8 shall consist of Lake, Orange,
60 Osceola, Seminole, and Sumter Counties.

61 9. Trauma service area 9 shall consist of Pasco and
62 Pinellas Counties.

63 10. Trauma service area 10 shall consist of Hillsborough
64 County.

65 11. Trauma service area 11 shall consist of Hardee,
66 Highlands, and Polk Counties.

67 12. Trauma service area 12 shall consist of Brevard and
68 Indian River Counties.

69 13. Trauma service area 13 shall consist of DeSoto,
70 Manatee, and Sarasota Counties.

71 14. Trauma service area 14 shall consist of Martin,
72 Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties.

73 15. Trauma service area 15 shall consist of Charlotte,
74 Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties.

75 16. Trauma service area 16 shall consist of Palm Beach
76 County.

77 17. Trauma service area 17 shall consist of Collier
78 County.

79 18. Trauma service area 18 shall consist of Broward
80 County.

81 19. Trauma service area 19 shall consist of Miami-Dade and
82 Monroe Counties.

83 (b)1. Each trauma service area should have at least one
84 Level I or Level II trauma center. In any trauma service area in
85 which the population is greater than 1.25 million, there is
86 determined to be a need for a minimum of two Level I or Level II
87 adult trauma centers, or a combination thereof. In any trauma
88 service area in which the population is greater than 2.5
89 million, there is determined to be a need for a minimum of four
90 Level I or Level II adult trauma centers, or a combination
91 thereof. The department shall allocate, by rule, the number of
92 trauma centers needed for each trauma service area. The
93 department is authorized to allocate in such rule additional
94 need for trauma centers above the minimum set forth in this
95 subparagraph.

96 2. All Level I, Level II, and pediatric trauma centers
97 notified by the department that they have provisional approval,
98 final approval, or verification shall count against the
99 statewide total number of trauma centers as provided in this

100 section.

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

103 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 395.4025, Florida
104 Statutes, is amended to read:

105 395.4025 Trauma centers; selection; quality assurance;
106 records.—

107 (5) Beginning October 1 of each year and ending no later
108 than June 1 of the following year, a review team of out-of-state
109 experts assembled by the department shall make onsite visits to
110 all provisional trauma centers. The department shall develop a
111 survey instrument to be used by the expert team of reviewers.
112 The instrument shall include objective criteria and guidelines
113 for reviewers based on existing trauma center standards such
114 that all trauma centers are assessed equally. The survey
115 instrument shall also include a uniform rating system that will
116 be used by reviewers to indicate the degree of compliance of
117 each trauma center with specific standards, and to indicate the
118 quality of care provided by each trauma center as determined
119 through an audit of patient charts. In addition, hospitals being
120 considered as provisional trauma centers shall meet all the
121 requirements of a trauma center and shall be located in a trauma
122 service area that has a need for such a trauma center. For
123 purposes of this section, in any trauma service area in which
124 the population is greater than 1.25 million, there is determined

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125 to be a need for a minimum of two Level I or Level II adult
126 trauma centers, or a combination thereof. In any trauma service
127 area in which the population is greater than 2.5 million, there
128 is determined to be a need for a minimum of four Level I or
129 Level II adult trauma centers, or a combination thereof.

130 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.