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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health care studies; requiring the  
3           Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
4           Accountability to conduct analyses of other states'  
5           use of the combined recovery care center and  
6           ambulatory surgical center model and the advanced  
7           birthing center model; providing requirements for such  
8           analyses; requiring the office to submit reports on  
9           its findings and any recommendations to the Governor  
10          and the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the  
11          office to contract with a certain entity to conduct an  
12          analysis of the impact of licensing specialty  
13          hospitals in this state and in other states; providing  
14          requirements for such analysis; requiring the office  
15          to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature  
16          by a specified date; providing an effective date.

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

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20           Section 1. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
21 Government Accountability shall conduct an analysis of other  
22 states' use of the recovery care center (RCC) and ambulatory  
23 surgical center (ASC) model to allow for expanded types of  
24 surgeries to be performed outside of the hospital setting. The  
25 office may contract with an independent entity that has  
26 experience in health care economics and policy to conduct this  
27 study. The office shall do, at a minimum, all of the following:  
28           (a) Determine which surgeries the other states allow an ASC  
29 using an RCC to perform which may not otherwise be performed by

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30 the ASC.

31 (b) Determine which payment methods are accepted by RCCs in  
32 other states, including the types of insurance accepted and  
33 whether the RCCs accept Medicaid and Medicare.

34 (c) Compare the other states' requirements between  
35 hospitals, ASCs, and RCCs with respect to physical plant and  
36 building code requirements.

37 (d) Study the effect of the combined ASC and RCC model on:

38 1. Costs to the patient;

39 2. Costs to the state;

40 3. Quality of care, including, but not limited to, patient  
41 outcomes, adverse incidents, rates of infection, and hospital  
42 admission rates; and

43 4. Any other points of data the office determines to be  
44 relevant to the study.

45 (2) The office shall submit a report of its findings and  
46 any recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
47 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
48 October 1, 2021.

49 Section 2. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
50 Government Accountability shall conduct an analysis of other  
51 states' use of the advanced birthing center (ABC) model that  
52 allows higher-risk pregnancies to be delivered outside of the  
53 hospital setting. The office may contract with an independent  
54 entity that has experience in health care economics and policy  
55 to conduct this study. The office shall do, at a minimum, all of  
56 the following:

57 (a) Determine which payment methods are accepted by ABCs in  
58 other states, including the types of insurance accepted and

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59 whether the ABCs accept Medicaid.

60 (b) Review other states' requirements for physical plant  
61 and building code requirements imposed on ABCs, noting any  
62 differences compared to the requirements for hospitals offering  
63 birthing services.

64 (c) Study the effect of the ABC model on:

65 1. Costs to the patient;

66 2. Costs to the state;

67 3. Quality of care, including, but not limited to, patient  
68 outcomes, adverse incidents, rates of infection, and hospital  
69 admission rates; and

70 4. Any other points of data the office determines to be  
71 relevant to the study.

72 (2) The office shall submit a report of its findings and  
73 any recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
74 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
75 October 1, 2021.

76 Section 3. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
77 Government Accountability shall contract with an independent  
78 entity that has experience in health care economics and policy  
79 to conduct an analysis of the impact of licensing specialty  
80 hospitals in this state and in other states. The study must  
81 evaluate, at a minimum, all of the following:

82 (a) The quality of care provided at specialty hospitals and  
83 the impact on the quality of care at other general hospitals.

84 (b) The ability of specialty hospitals to maintain adequate  
85 staff and the effects that the licensure of specialty hospitals  
86 have on the ability of general hospitals to maintain adequate  
87 staff.

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88 (c) Patient volumes at specialty hospitals and at general  
89 hospitals, including patient referral and utilization patterns  
90 and changes in bed capacity and service volume.

91 (d) The volume of charity care and Medicaid services  
92 provided by specialty hospitals compared to general hospitals  
93 and the effect that the licensure of specialty hospitals has on  
94 the ability of general hospitals to provide charity care.

95 (e) The effect that the licensure of specialty hospitals  
96 has on the volume of charity care, Medicaid services, and  
97 Medicare services provided by general hospitals as percentages  
98 of total services, as well as a comparison of those percentages  
99 and profit margins between general hospitals and specialty  
100 hospitals.

101 (f) The economic effects of licensing specialty hospitals,  
102 including their financial performance and the economic effects  
103 that the licensure of specialty hospitals have on general  
104 hospitals.

105 (g) The effects that the licensure of specialty hospitals  
106 have on the cost of care provided by all hospitals.

107 (2) The office shall submit a report of its findings and  
108 any recommendations to the Governor, the President of the  
109 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
110 October 1, 2021.

111 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.