By the Committees on Judiciary; and Health Policy; and Senators Polsky and Pizzo

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to fentanyl testing; creating s. 395.1042, F.S.; providing a short title; requiring hospitals and hospital-based off-campus emergency departments to test for fentanyl as part of any urine testing they conduct to treat individuals for possible drug overdose or poisoning; requiring such facilities to perform a confirmation test if the urine test results are positive for fentanyl; requiring that the results of such tests be retained as part of the patient's clinical record in accordance with the facility's current recordkeeping practices; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 395.1042, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

395.1042 Fentanyl testing.-

- (1) This section may be cited as "Gage's Law."
- (2) (a) If an individual is treated at a hospital or hospital-based off-campus emergency department for emergency services and care for a possible drug overdose or poisoning and the hospital or hospital-based off-campus emergency department conducts a urine test to assist in diagnosing the individual's condition, the hospital must include testing for fentanyl in the urine test.
- (b) If the test results are positive for fentanyl, the hospital must perform a confirmation test as defined in s.

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(c) The results of the urine test and the confirmation test must be retained as part of the patient's clinical record for the timeframe required by the hospital's or hospital-based off-campus emergency department's current clinical recordkeeping practices.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.