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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Harrell) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

Delete lines 55 - 110

and insert:

Readiness Project.

(6) Each hospital with an emergency department may conduct the National Pediatric Readiness Project's Open Assessment during a year in which the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment is not conducted.

Section 2. Present subsections (4) through (19) of section



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395.1055, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5) through (20), respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to that section, and paragraph (c) of subsection (1) is amended, to read:

395.1055 Rules and enforcement.—

(1) The agency shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this part, which shall include reasonable and fair minimum standards for ensuring that:

(c) A comprehensive emergency management plan is prepared and updated annually. Such standards must be included in the rules adopted by the agency after consulting with the Division of Emergency Management. At a minimum, the rules must provide for plan components that address emergency evacuation transportation; adequate sheltering arrangements; postdisaster activities, including emergency power, food, and water; postdisaster transportation; supplies; staffing; emergency equipment; individual identification of residents and transfer of records, ~~and~~ responding to family inquiries, and the needs of pediatric and neonatal patients. The comprehensive emergency management plan is subject to review and approval by the local emergency management agency. During its review, the local emergency management agency shall ensure that the following agencies, at a minimum, are given the opportunity to review the plan: the Department of Elderly Affairs, the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Division of Emergency Management. Also, appropriate volunteer organizations must be given the opportunity to review the plan. The local emergency management agency shall complete its review within 60 days and either approve the plan or advise the



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facility of necessary revisions.

(4) The agency, in consultation with the Florida Emergency Medical Services for Children State Partnership Program, shall adopt rules that establish minimum standards for pediatric patient care in hospital emergency departments, including, but not limited to, availability and immediate access to pediatric specific equipment and supplies.

Section 3. Paragraph (n) is added to subsection (3) of section 408.05, Florida Statutes, to read:

408.05 Florida Center for Health Information and Transparency.—

(3) HEALTH INFORMATION TRANSPARENCY.—In order to disseminate and facilitate the availability of comparable and uniform health information, the agency shall perform the following functions:

(n)1. Collect the overall assessment score of National Pediatric Readiness Assessments conducted by hospital emergency departments pursuant to s. 395.1012(5), from the Florida Emergency Medical Services for Children State Partnership Program by December 31, 2026, and by each December 31 during a year in which the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment is conducted thereafter.

2. By April 1, 2027, and each April 1 following a year in which the National Pediatric Readiness Assessment is conducted thereafter, publish the overall assessment score for each hospital emergency department, and provide a comparison to the national average score when it becomes available.

3. Collect and publish no more than one overall assessment score per hospital, per year, of assessments conducted pursuant



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to s. 395.1012(6), and provide a comparison to the hospital  
emergency department's most recently published score pursuant to  
subparagraph 2.

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And the directory clause is amended as follows:

Delete line 24

and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (5) and (6) are added to section  
395.1012,

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 8 - 19

and insert:

assessments; authorizing a hospital with an emergency  
department to conduct the National Pediatric Readiness  
Project's Open Assessment under certain circumstances;  
amending s. 395.1055, F.S.; requiring the Agency for  
Health Care Administration to adopt certain rules for  
comprehensive emergency management plans; requiring  
the agency, in consultation with the Florida Emergency  
Medical Services for Children State Partnership  
Program, to establish minimum standards for pediatric  
patient care in hospital emergency departments;  
amending s. 408.05, F.S.; requiring the agency to  
collect and publish the results of specified  
assessments submitted by hospitals by specified dates;  
providing requirements for the collection and



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publication of the hospitals' assessment scores;