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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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11 395.1055, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)
12 through (20), respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to
13 that section, and paragraph (c) of subsection (1) is amended, to
14 read:

15 395.1055 Rules and enforcement.—

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

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



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40 facility of necessary revisions.

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

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

49 408.05 Florida Center for Health Information and
50 Transparency.—

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

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

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

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



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

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73 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

74 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

75 Delete line 24

76 and insert:

77 Section 1. Subsections (5) and (6) are added to section
78 395.1012,

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80 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

81 And the title is amended as follows:

82 Delete lines 8 - 19

83 and insert:

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



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publication of the hospitals' assessment scores;