

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2016 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

SB 586 — Responsibilities of Health Care Providers

by Senator Stargel

The bill requires a hospital to notify obstetrical physicians at least 120 days before closing its obstetrical department or ceasing to provide obstetrical services.

The bill also repeals s. 383.336, F.S., which designates certain hospitals as “provider hospitals” and requires physicians in those hospitals to follow additional practice parameters when providing cesarean sections paid for by the state.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 106-1