

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/CS/HB 763 — Patient Safety Culture Surveys

by Health and Human Services Committee; Health Market Reform Subcommittee; and Rep. Grant, M. and others (CS/CS/SB 1370 by Appropriations Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senator Harrell)

The bill amends several sections of law to require each hospital and ambulatory surgical center (ASC) to conduct a patient safety culture survey at least biennially. The bill specifies that facilities must use the appropriate hospital or ASC Survey on Patient Safety Culture developed by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and requires the survey to be anonymous. The bill allows facilities to contract for the administration of the survey and requires each facility to submit survey data to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA).

The bill requires the Florida Center for Health Information and Transparency within the AHCA to customize the survey with additional questions and to collect, compile, and publish aggregated survey data submitted by hospitals and ASCs.

The bill also requires the AHCA to customize the hospital survey to allow respondents to identify themselves as working in certain areas of a facility that are not currently identifiable in the survey, including, a pediatric cardiology patient care unit and a pediatric cardiology surgical services unit.

The bill appropriates funds from the AHCA's Health Care Trust Fund for the AHCA to hire one full-time equivalent position in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the purpose of implementing the bill.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 119-0