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By Senator Wise

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to rehabilitation of children
3	who have moderate to severe brain injury;
4	requiring development of a program to make
5	available financial support for rehabilitation
6	of children who have moderate or severe brain
7	injury; specifying minimum criteria for
8	inpatient care; authorizing provision of
9	financial support pending institution of the
10	program; requiring the Office of Trauma in the
11	Department of Health's Division of Emergency
12	Medical Operations to conduct a survey
13	concerning trauma centers designated to care
14	for injured children; requiring the department
15	to estimate the demand for, and a per diem
16	payment for, rehabilitation services for
17	children who have moderate or severe brain
18	injury; requiring the Agency for Health Care
19	Administration to identify and commit certain
20	funds from current Medicaid payments which may
21	be used to support the availability of such
22	rehabilitation services; specifying the manner
23	by which the Department of Health must ensure
24	that certain rehabilitation services and
25	outcomes are recorded in the trauma registry;
26	authorizing rulemaking by the agency and the
27	department; providing an effective date.
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29	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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1	Section 1. (1) The Agency for Health Care
2	Administration and the Department of Health shall develop and
3	administer a program to make available financial support for
4	timely and comprehensive inpatient and outpatient
5	rehabilitation for each child in this state who has a moderate
6	to severe traumatic brain injury. The inpatient care shall be
7	provided for at least 4 weeks to ensure that all potential for
8	recovery is addressed and to identify and provide for seamless
9	continuation of the appropriate level of care for the child.
10	(2) The Office of Trauma in the Department of Health's
11	Division of Emergency Medical Operations shall conduct a
12	survey of all existing trauma centers that are designated to
13	care for injured children in this state. Based on the survey
14	results, the department shall:
15	(a) Develop an inventory of regionally available
16	rehabilitation facilities and estimate the potential annual
17	volume of the rehabilitation services described in subsection
18	<u>(1); and</u>
19	(b) Define an acceptable per diem payment for such
20	rehabilitation services which reflects local costs and
21	appropriate economic indicators.
22	(3) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
23	identify funds from current Medicaid payments that are
24	designed to enhance the care of children and that may be used
25	to support the availability of the rehabilitation services
26	specified in subsection (1) and, based on the results of the
27	survey, commit any such funds to support the availability of
28	rehabilitation services. The agency may seek additional funds
29	if necessary.
30	(4) The Department of Health shall ensure that the
31	rehabilitation services required by this section and the

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1 clinical outcomes of such services are recorded in the trauma 2 registry in a manner that integrates the management of data 3 between the rehabilitation facility and designated trauma 4 center and allows an annual audit of outcome trends and system 5 performance. 6 (5) The Agency for Health Care Administration and the 7 Department of Health may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this section. 8 9 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 10 11 12 SENATE SUMMARY 13 Provides for the development of a program to make available financial support for rehabilitation of 14 children who have moderate or severe brain injury Specifies minimum criteria for inpatient care. Authorizes 15 provision of financial support pending institution of the program. Requires the Department of Health to estimate 16 the demand for, and a per diem payment for, such services based on a survey by the Office of Trauma in the 17 department's Division of Emergency Medical Operations. Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to identify and commit certain funds from current Medicaid 18 payments which may be used to support the availability of such rehabilitation services. Specifies the manner by 19 which the Department of Health must ensure that certain rehabilitation services and outcomes are recorded in the 20 trauma registry. Authorizes rulemaking by the agency and 21 the department. 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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