By the Committees on Appropriations; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senators Brandes and Sobel

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to government data practices; amending
3	s. 257.36, F.S.; requiring the Division of Library and
4	Information Services of the Department of State to
5	adopt rules providing procedures for an agency to
6	establish schedules for the physical destruction or
7	other disposal of records containing personal
8	identification information; creating part IV of ch.
9	282, F.S., consisting of s. 282.801, F.S.; providing
10	definitions; requiring an agency that collects and
11	maintains personal identification information to post
12	a privacy policy on the agency's website; prescribing
13	minimum requirements for a privacy policy; requiring
14	an agency to provide notice of the installation of
15	cookies on an individual's computer; requiring that an
16	individual who would otherwise be granted access to an
17	agency's website be granted access even if he or she
18	declines to have the cookie installed; providing an
19	exception; requiring that privacy policy requirements
20	be specified in a contract between a public agency and
21	a contractor; providing exceptions; specifying that a
22	violation does not create a civil cause of action;
23	requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
24	Government Accountability to submit a report to the
25	Legislature by a specified date; providing report
26	requirements; creating s. 429.55, F.S.; requiring the
27	Agency for Health Care Administration to provide
28	specified data on assisted living facilities by a
29	certain date; providing minimum requirements for such

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30	data; authorizing the agency to create a comment
31	webpage regarding assisted living facilities;
32	providing minimum requirements; authorizing the agency
33	to provide links to certain third-party websites;
34	authorizing the agency to adopt rules; amending s.
35	408.05, F.S.; dissolving the Center for Health
36	Information and Policy Analysis within the Agency for
37	Health Care Administration; requiring the agency to
38	coordinate a system to promote access to certain data
39	and information; requiring that certain health-related
40	data be included within the system; assigning duties
41	to the agency relating to the collection and
42	dissemination of data; establishing conditions for the
43	funding of the system; requiring the Office of Program
44	Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to
45	monitor the agency's implementation of the health
46	information system; requiring the Office of Program
47	Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to
48	submit a report to the Legislature after completion of
49	the implementation; providing report requirements;
50	reenacting s. 120.54(8), F.S., relating to rulemaking,
51	to incorporate the amendment made to s. 257.36, F.S.,
52	in a reference thereto; amending ss. 20.42, 381.026,
53	395.301, 395.602, 395.6025, 408.07, 408.18, 465.0244,
54	627.6499, and 641.54, F.S.; conforming provisions to
55	changes made by the act; providing appropriations;
56	providing an effective date.
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58	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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60	Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 257.36, Florida
61	Statutes, is amended to read:
62	257.36 Records and information management
63	(6) A public record may be destroyed or otherwise disposed
64	of only in accordance with retention schedules established by
65	the division. The division shall adopt reasonable rules
66	<u>consistent</u> not inconsistent with this chapter which <u>are</u> shall be
67	binding on all agencies relating to the destruction and
68	disposition of records. Such rules <u>must</u> shall provide, but <u>need</u>
69	not be limited to:
70	(a) Procedures for complying and submitting to the division
71	records-retention schedules.
72	(b) Procedures for the physical destruction or other
73	disposal of records.
74	(c) Procedures for an agency to establish schedules for the
75	physical destruction or other disposal of records held by the
76	agency which contain personal identification information, as
77	defined in s. 282.801, after meeting retention requirements.
78	Unless otherwise required by law, an agency may indefinitely
79	retain records containing information that is not identifiable
80	as related to a unique individual.
81	<u>(d)</u> Standards for the reproduction of records for
82	security or with a view to the disposal of the original record.
83	Section 2. Part IV of chapter 282, Florida Statutes,
84	consisting of section 282.801, Florida Statutes, is created to
85	read:
86	PART IV
87	GOVERNMENT DATA COLLECTION PRACTICES

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88	282.801 Government data practices
89	(1) For purposes of this part, the term:
90	(a) "Agency" has the same meaning as in s. 119.011.
91	(b) "Cookie" means data sent from a website which is
92	electronically installed on a computer or electronic device of
93	an individual who has accessed the website and transmits certain
94	information to the server of that website.
95	(c) "Individual" means a human being and does not include a
96	corporation, a partnership, or any other business entity.
97	(d) "Personal identification information" means an item,
98	collection, or grouping of information that may be used, alone
99	or in conjunction with other information, to identify a unique
100	individual, including, but not limited to, his or her:
101	<u>1. Name;</u>
102	2. Postal or e-mail address;
103	3. Telephone number;
104	4. Social security number;
105	5. Date of birth;
106	6. Mother's maiden name;
107	7. Official state-issued or United States-issued driver
108	license or identification number, alien registration number,
109	government passport number, employer or taxpayer identification
110	number, or Medicaid or food assistance account number;
111	8. Bank account number, credit or debit card number, or
112	other number or information that can be used to access an
113	individual's financial resources;
114	9. Educational records;
115	10. Medical records;
116	11. License plate number of a registered motor vehicle;
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117	12. Images, including facial images;
118	13. Biometric identification information;
119	14. Criminal history; or
120	15. Employment history.
121	(2) An agency that collects personal identification
122	information through a website and retains such information shall
123	maintain and conspicuously post a privacy policy on such
124	website. At a minimum, the privacy policy must provide:
125	(a) A description of the services the website provides.
126	(b) A description of the personal identification
127	information that the agency collects and maintains from an
128	individual accessing or using the website.
129	(c) An explanation of whether the agency's data collecting
130	and sharing practices are mandatory or allow a user to opt out
131	of those practices.
132	(d) Any available alternatives to using the website.
133	(e) A statement as to how the agency uses the personal
134	identification information, including, but not limited to,
135	whether and under what circumstances the agency discloses such
136	information.
137	(f) Whether any other person, as defined in s. 671.201,
138	collects personal identification information through the
139	website.
140	(g) A general description of the security measures in place
141	to protect personal identification information; however, such
142	description must not compromise the integrity of the security
143	measures.
144	(h) An explanation of public records requirements relating
145	to the personal identification information of an individual

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146	using the website and if such information may be disclosed in
147	response to a public records request.
148	(3)(a) An agency that uses a website to install a cookie on
149	an individual's computer or electronic device shall inform an
150	individual accessing the website of the use of cookies and
151	request permission to install a cookie on the individual's
152	computer.
153	(b) If an individual accessing the website of an agency
154	declines to have cookies installed, such individual shall still
155	be allowed to access and use the website.
156	(c) This subsection does not apply to a cookie temporarily
157	installed on an individual's computer or electronic device by an
158	agency if the cookie is installed only in the computer's or
159	electronic device's memory and is deleted from such memory when
160	the website browser or website application is closed.
161	(4) Any contract between a public agency and a contractor,
162	as those terms are defined in s. 119.0701, must specify that the
163	contractor must comply with the requirements in subsections (2)
164	and (3) for applicable services the contractor performs for the
165	public agency, except that subsections (2) and (3) do not apply
166	to a contractor that provides a service to a public agency which
167	is limited to administering, facilitating, processing, or
168	enforcing a financial transaction initiated by an individual
169	with no direct relationship with the contractor.
170	(5) The failure of an agency to comply with this section
171	does not create a civil cause of action.
172	Section 3. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
173	Government Accountability shall submit a report to the President
174	of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by

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175	July 1, 2015, which:
176	(1) Identifies personal identification information, as
177	defined in s. 282.801, Florida Statutes, and the records in
178	which such information is contained, held by a state agency. For
179	purposes of this section, the term "state agency" has the same
180	meaning as in s. 216.011(1)(qq), but does not include state
181	attorneys, public defenders, criminal conflict and civil
182	regional counsel, capital collateral regional counsel, the
183	Justice Administrative Commission, the Florida Housing Finance
184	Corporation, the Florida Public Service Commission, and the
185	judicial branch.
186	(2) Describes the processes by which an individual may
187	currently view and verify his or her personal identification
188	information held by an agency, including how an individual may
189	request the correction of incorrect personal identification
190	information.
191	(3) Identifies any obstacles that inhibit an individual's
192	access to such records.
193	Section 4. Section 429.55, Florida Statutes, is created to
194	read:
195	429.55 Public access to data; comment page
196	(1) By November 1, 2014, the agency shall provide,
197	maintain, and update at least quarterly, electronically
198	accessible data on assisted living facilities. Such data must be
199	searchable, downloadable, and available in generally accepted
200	formats. At a minimum, such data must include:
201	(a) Information on each assisted living facility licensed
202	under this part, including:
203	1. The name and address of the facility.

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204	2. The number and type of licensed beds in the facility.
205	3. The types of licenses held by the facility.
206	4. The facility's license expiration date and status.
207	5. Other relevant information that the agency currently
208	collects.
209	(b) A list of the facility's violations, including, for
210	each violation:
211	1. A summary of the violation presented in a manner
212	understandable by the general public;
213	2. Any sanctions imposed by final order; and
214	3. The date the corrective action was confirmed by the
215	agency.
216	(c) Links to inspection reports on file with the agency.
217	(2)(a) The agency may provide a monitored comment webpage
218	that allows members of the public to comment on specific
219	assisted living facilities licensed to operate in this state. At
220	a minimum, the comment webpage must allow members of the public
221	to identify themselves, provide comments on their experiences
222	with, or observations of, an assisted living facility, and view
223	others' comments.
224	(b) The agency shall review comments for profanities and
225	redact any profanities before posting the comments to the
226	webpage. After redacting any profanities, the agency shall post
227	all comments, and shall retain all comments as they were
228	originally submitted, which are subject to the requirements of
229	chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and which shall be retained by
230	the agency for inspection by the public without further
231	redaction pursuant to retention schedules and disposal processes
232	for such records.
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233	(c) A controlling interest, as defined in s. 408.803,
234	Florida Statutes, in an assisted living facility, or an employee
235	or owner of an assisted living facility, is prohibited from
236	posting comments on the page. A controlling interest, employee,
237	or owner may respond to comments on the page, and the agency
238	shall ensure that such responses are identified as being from a
239	representative of the facility.
240	(3) The agency may provide links to third-party websites
241	that use the data published pursuant to this section to assist
242	consumers in evaluating the quality of care and service in
243	assisted living facilities.
244	(4) The agency may adopt rules to administer this section.
245	Section 5. Section 408.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to
246	read:
247	408.05 Florida Health Information Transparency Initiative
248	Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis
249	(1) <u>CREATION AND PURPOSE</u> ESTABLISHMENT.—The agency shall
250	create a comprehensive health information system to promote
251	accessibility, transparency, and utility of state-collected data
252	and information about health providers, facilities, services,
253	and payment sources. The agency is responsible for making state-
254	collected health data available in a manner that allows for and
255	encourages multiple and innovative uses of data sets. Subject to
256	funding by the General Appropriations Act, the agency shall
257	develop and deploy, through a contract award with one or more
258	vendors or internal development, new methods of dissemination
259	and ways to convert data into easily usable electronic formats
260	establish a Florida Center for Health Information and Policy
261	Analysis. The center shall establish a comprehensive health

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262	information system to provide for the collection, compilation,
263	coordination, analysis, indexing, dissemination, and utilization
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	of both purposefully collected and extant health-related data
265	and statistics. The center shall be staffed with public health
266	experts, biostatisticians, information system analysts, health
267	policy experts, economists, and other staff necessary to carry
268	out its functions.
269	(2) HEALTH-RELATED DATA.—The comprehensive health
270	information system <u>must include the following data and</u>
271	<u>information</u> operated by the Florida Center for Health
272	Information and Policy Analysis shall identify the best
273	available data sources and coordinate the compilation of extant
274	health-related data and statistics and purposefully collect data
275	on :
276	(a) The extent and nature of illness and disability of the
277	state population, including life expectancy, the incidence of
278	various acute and chronic illnesses, and infant and maternal
279	morbidity and mortality.
280	(b) The impact of illness and disability of the state
281	population on the state economy and on other aspects of the
282	well-being of the people in this state.
283	(c) Environmental, social, and other health hazards.
284	(d) Health knowledge and practices of the people in this
285	state and determinants of health and nutritional practices and
286	status.
287	(a) (e) Health resources, including <u>licensed health</u>
288	professionals, licensed health care facilities, managed care
289	organizations, and other health services regulated or funded by
290	the state physicians, dentists, nurses, and other health

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291	professionals, by specialty and type of practice and acute,
292	long-term care and other institutional care facility supplies
293	and specific services provided by hospitals, nursing homes, home
294	health agencies, and other health care facilities.
295	<u>(b)</u> (f) Utilization of health <u>resources</u> care by type of
296	provider.
297	<u>(c) (g)</u> Health care costs and financing, including <u>Medicaid</u>
298	claims and encounter data and data from other public and private
299	payors trends in health care prices and costs, the sources of
300	payment for health care services, and federal, state, and local
301	expenditures for health care.
302	(h) Family formation, growth, and dissolution.
303	(d) (i) The extent, source, and type of public and private
304	health insurance coverage in this state.
305	(e) (j) The data necessary for measuring value and quality
306	of care provided by various health care providers, including
307	applicable credentials, accreditation status, use, revenues and
308	expenses, outcomes, site visits, and other regulatory reports,
309	and the results of administrative and civil litigation related
310	to health care.
311	(3) <u>COORDINATION</u> COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM
312	In order to <u>collect comprehensive</u> produce comparable and uniform
313	health information and statistics and to disseminate such
314	information to for the public, as well as for the development of
315	policy recommendations, the agency shall perform the following
316	functions:
317	(a) Collect and compile data from all agencies and programs
318	that provide, regulate, and pay for health services Coordinate
319	the activities of state agencies involved in the design and

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     implementation of the comprehensive health information system.
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           (b) Promote data sharing through the Undertake research,
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     development, dissemination, and evaluation of state-collected
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     health data and by making such data available, transferable, and
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     readily usable respecting the comprehensive health information
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     system.
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          (c) Review the statistical activities of state agencies to
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     ensure that they are consistent with the comprehensive health
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     information system.
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          (c) (d) Develop written agreements with local, state, and
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     federal agencies for the sharing of health-care-related data or
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     using the facilities and services of such agencies. State
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     agencies, local health councils, and other agencies under state
     contract shall assist the agency center in obtaining, compiling,
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     and transferring health-care-related data maintained by state
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     and local agencies. Written agreements must specify the types,
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     methods, and periodicity of data exchanges and specify the types
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     of data that will be transferred to the center.
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          (d) (e) Enable and facilitate the sharing and use of all
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     state-collected health data to the maximum extent allowed by law
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     Establish by rule the types of data collected, compiled,
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     processed, used, or shared. Decisions regarding center data sets
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     should be made based on consultation with the State Consumer
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     Health Information and Policy Advisory Council and other public
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     and private users regarding the types of data which should be
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     collected and their uses. The center shall establish
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     standardized means for collecting health information and
     statistics under laws and rules administered by the agency.
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(f) Establish minimum health-care-related data sets which

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349	are necessary on a continuing basis to fulfill the collection
350	requirements of the center and which shall be used by state
351	agencies in collecting and compiling health-care-related data.
352	The agency shall periodically review ongoing health care data
353	collections of the Department of Health and other state agencies
354	to determine if the collections are being conducted in
355	accordance with the established minimum sets of data.
356	(g) Establish advisory standards to ensure the quality of
357	health statistical and epidemiological data collection,
358	processing, and analysis by local, state, and private
359	organizations.
360	(e) (h) Monitor data collection procedures, test data
361	quality, and take such corrective actions as are necessary to
362	ensure that data and information disseminated under the
363	initiative are accurate, valid, reliable, and complete Prescribe
364	standards for the publication of health-care-related data
365	reported pursuant to this section which ensure the reporting of
366	accurate, valid, reliable, complete, and comparable data. Such
367	standards should include advisory warnings to users of the data
368	regarding the status and quality of any data reported by or
369	available from the center.
370	(f) (i) Initiate and maintain activities necessary to
371	collect, edit, verify, archive, and retrieve data compiled
372	pursuant to this section Prescribe standards for the maintenance
373	and preservation of the center's data. This should include
374	methods for archiving data, retrieval of archived data, and data
375	editing and verification.
376	(j) Ensure that strict quality control measures are
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     studies, or user requests.
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          (k) Develop, in conjunction with the State Consumer Health
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     Information and Policy Advisory Council, and implement a long-
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     range plan for making available health care quality measures and
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     financial data that will allow consumers to compare health care
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     services. The health care quality measures and financial data
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     the agency must make available include, but are not limited to,
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     pharmaceuticals, physicians, health care facilities, and health
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     plans and managed care entities. The agency shall update the
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     plan and report on the status of its implementation annually.
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     The agency shall also make the plan and status report available
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     to the public on its Internet website. As part of the plan, the
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     agency shall identify the process and timeframes for
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     implementation, barriers to implementation, and recommendations
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     of changes in the law that may be enacted by the Legislature to
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     eliminate the barriers. As preliminary elements of the plan, the
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     agency shall:
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395 1. Make available patient-safety indicators, inpatient 396 quality indicators, and performance outcome and patient charge 397 data collected from health care facilities pursuant to s. 398 408.061(1)(a) and (2). The terms "patient-safety indicators" and 399 "inpatient quality indicators" have the same meaning as that 400 ascribed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, an 401 accrediting organization whose standards incorporate comparable 402 regulations required by this state, or a national entity that 403 establishes standards to measure the performance of health care 404 providers, or by other states. The agency shall determine which 405 conditions, procedures, health care quality measures, and 406 patient charge data to disclose based upon input from the

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576-04202-14 2014782c2 407 council. When determining which conditions and procedures are to 408 be disclosed, the council and the agency shall consider 409 variation in costs, variation in outcomes, and magnitude of 410 variations and other relevant information. When determining 411 which health care quality measures to disclose, the agency: 412 a. Shall consider such factors as volume of cases; average 413 patient charges; average length of stay; complication rates; 414 mortality rates; and infection rates, among others, which shall 415 be adjusted for case mix and severity, if applicable. b. May consider such additional measures that are adopted 416 417 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Studies, an accrediting 418 organization whose standards incorporate comparable regulations 419 required by this state, the National Quality Forum, the Joint 420 Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the 421 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for 422 Disease Control and Prevention, or a similar national entity 423 that establishes standards to measure the performance of health 424 care providers, or by other states. 425 426 When determining which patient charge data to disclose, the 427 agency shall include such measures as the average of 428 undiscounted charges on frequently performed procedures and 429 preventive diagnostic procedures, the range of procedure charges from highest to lowest, average net revenue per adjusted patient 430 431 day, average cost per adjusted patient day, and average cost per 4.32 admission, among others. 433 2. Make available performance measures, benefit design, and 434 premium cost data from health plans licensed pursuant to chapter

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627 or chapter 641. The agency shall determine which health care

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436 quality measures and member and subscriber cost data to 437 disclose, based upon input from the council. When determining 438 which data to disclose, the agency shall consider information 439 that may be required by either individual or group purchasers to 440 assess the value of the product, which may include membership 441 satisfaction, quality of care, current enrollment or membership, 442 coverage areas, accreditation status, premium costs, plan costs, premium increases, range of benefits, copayments and 443 444 deductibles, accuracy and speed of claims payment, credentials of physicians, number of providers, names of network providers, 445 446 and hospitals in the network. Health plans shall make available 447 to the agency such data or information that is not currently 448 reported to the agency or the office. 449 3. Determine the method and format for public disclosure of 450 data reported pursuant to this paragraph. The agency shall make 451 its determination based upon input from the State Consumer 452 Health Information and Policy Advisory Council. At a minimum, 453 the data shall be made available on the agency's Internet 454 website in a manner that allows consumers to conduct an 455 interactive search that allows them to view and compare the 456 information for specific providers. The website must include 457 such additional information as is determined necessary to ensure 458 that the website enhances informed decisionmaking among 459 consumers and health care purchasers, which shall include, at a 460 minimum, appropriate quidance on how to use the data and an 461 explanation of why the data may vary from provider to provider. 462 4. Publish on its website undiscounted charges for no fewer 463 than 150 of the most commonly performed adult and pediatric procedures, including outpatient, inpatient, diagnostic, and 464

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465	preventative procedures.
466	(4) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
467	(a) The center shall provide technical assistance to
468	persons or organizations engaged in health planning activities
469	in the effective use of statistics collected and compiled by the
470	center. The center shall also provide the following additional
471	technical assistance services:
472	1. Establish procedures identifying the circumstances under
473	which, the places at which, the persons from whom, and the
474	methods by which a person may secure data from the center,
475	including procedures governing requests, the ordering of
476	requests, timeframes for handling requests, and other procedures
477	necessary to facilitate the use of the center's data. To the
478	extent possible, the center should provide current data timely
479	in response to requests from public or private agencies.
480	2. Provide assistance to data sources and users in the
481	areas of database design, survey design, sampling procedures,
482	statistical interpretation, and data access to promote improved
483	health-care-related data sets.
484	3. Identify health care data gaps and provide technical
485	assistance to other public or private organizations for meeting
486	documented health care data needs.
487	4. Assist other organizations in developing statistical
488	abstracts of their data sets that could be used by the center.
489	5. Provide statistical support to state agencies with
490	regard to the use of databases maintained by the center.
491	6. To the extent possible, respond to multiple requests for
492	information not currently collected by the center or available
493	from other sources by initiating data collection.
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494	7. Maintain detailed information on data maintained by
495	other local, state, federal, and private agencies in order to
496	advise those who use the center of potential sources of data
497	which are requested but which are not available from the center.
498	8. Respond to requests for data which are not available in
499	published form by initiating special computer runs on data sets
500	available to the center.
501	9. Monitor innovations in health information technology,
502	informatics, and the exchange of health information and maintain
503	a repository of technical resources to support the development
504	of a health information network.
505	(b) The agency shall administer, manage, and monitor grants
506	to not-for-profit organizations, regional health information
507	organizations, public health departments, or state agencies that
508	submit proposals for planning, implementation, or training
509	projects to advance the development of a health information
510	network. Any grant contract shall be evaluated to ensure the
511	effective outcome of the health information project.
512	(c) The agency shall initiate, oversee, manage, and
513	evaluate the integration of health care data from each state
514	agency that collects, stores, and reports on health care issues
515	and make that data available to any health care practitioner
516	through a state health information network.
517	(5) PUBLICATIONS; REPORTS; SPECIAL STUDIES. The center
518	shall provide for the widespread dissemination of data which it
519	collects and analyzes. The center shall have the following
520	publication, reporting, and special study functions:
521	(a) The center shall publish and make available
522	periodically to agencies and individuals health statistics
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523	publications of general interest, including health plan consumer
524	reports and health maintenance organization member satisfaction
525	surveys; publications providing health statistics on topical
526	health policy issues; publications that provide health status
527	profiles of the people in this state; and other topical health
528	statistics publications.
529	(b) The center shall publish, make available, and
530	disseminate, promptly and as widely as practicable, the results
531	of special health surveys, health care research, and health care
532	evaluations conducted or supported under this section. Any
533	publication by the center must include a statement of the
534	limitations on the quality, accuracy, and completeness of the
535	data.
536	(c) The center shall provide indexing, abstracting,
537	translation, publication, and other services leading to a more
538	effective and timely dissemination of health care statistics.
539	(d) The center shall be responsible for publishing and
540	disseminating an annual report on the center's activities.
541	(c) The center shall be responsible, to the extent
542	resources are available, for conducting a variety of special
543	studies and surveys to expand the health care information and
544	statistics available for health policy analyses, particularly
545	for the review of public policy issues. The center shall develop
546	a process by which users of the center's data are periodically
547	surveyed regarding critical data needs and the results of the
548	survey considered in determining which special surveys or
549	studies will be conducted. The center shall select problems in
550	health care for research, policy analyses, or special data
551	collections on the basis of their local, regional, or state
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576-04202-14 2014782c2 552 importance; the unique potential for definitive research on the 553 problem; and opportunities for application of the study 554 findings. 555 (4) (6) PROVIDER DATA REPORTING.-This section does not 556 confer on the agency the power to demand or require that a health care provider or professional furnish information, records of interviews, written reports, statements, notes,

557 558 559 memoranda, or data other than as expressly required by law.

(5) (7) HEALTH INFORMATION ENTERPRISE BUDGET; FEES.-561 (a) The agency shall implement the comprehensive health 562 information system in a manner that recognizes state-collected 563 data as an asset and rewards taxpayer investment in information 564 collection and management Legislature intends that funding for 565 the Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis be 566 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund.

567 (b) The agency Florida Center for Health Information and 568 Policy Analysis may apply for, and receive, and accept grants, 569 gifts, and other payments, including property and services, from 570 a any governmental or other public or private entity or person 571 and make arrangements for as to the use of such funds same, 572 including the undertaking of special studies and other projects 573 relating to health-care-related topics. Funds obtained pursuant 574 to this paragraph may not be used to offset annual 575 appropriations from the General Revenue Fund.

576 (c) The agency shall ensure that a vendor who enters into a 577 contract with the state under this section does not inhibit or 578 impede public access to state-collected health data and 579 information center may charge such reasonable fees for services as the agency prescribes by rule. The established fees may not 580

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581	exceed the reasonable cost for such services. Fees collected may
582	not be used to offset annual appropriations from the General
583	Revenue Fund.
584	(8) STATE CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION AND POLICY ADVISORY
585	COUNCIL
586	(a) There is established in the agency the State Consumer
587	Health Information and Policy Advisory Council to assist the
588	center in reviewing the comprehensive health information system,
589	including the identification, collection, standardization,
590	sharing, and coordination of health-related data, fraud and
591	abuse data, and professional and facility licensing data among
592	federal, state, local, and private entities and to recommend
593	improvements for purposes of public health, policy analysis, and
594	transparency of consumer health care information. The council
595	shall consist of the following members:
596	1. An employee of the Executive Office of the Governor, to
597	be appointed by the Governor.
598	2. An employee of the Office of Insurance Regulation, to be
599	appointed by the director of the office.
600	3. An employee of the Department of Education, to be
601	appointed by the Commissioner of Education.
602	4. Ten persons, to be appointed by the Secretary of Health
603	Care Administration, representing other state and local
604	agencies, state universities, business and health coalitions,
605	local health councils, professional health-care-related
606	associations, consumers, and purchasers.
607	(b) Each member of the council shall be appointed to serve
608	for a term of 2 years following the date of appointment, except
609	the term of appointment shall end 3 years following the date of

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610	appointment for members appointed in 2003, 2004, and 2005. A
611	vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the
612	term, and each appointing authority retains the right to
613	reappoint members whose terms of appointment have expired.
614	(c) The council may meet at the call of its chair, at the
615	request of the agency, or at the request of a majority of its
616	membership, but the council must meet at least quarterly.
617	(d) Members shall elect a chair and vice chair annually.
618	(e) A majority of the members constitutes a quorum, and the
619	affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum is necessary to take
620	action.
621	(f) The council shall maintain minutes of each meeting and
622	shall make such minutes available to any person.
623	(g) Members of the council shall serve without compensation
624	but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and
625	travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.
626	(h) The council's duties and responsibilities include, but
627	are not limited to, the following:
628	1. To develop a mission statement, goals, and a plan of
629	action for the identification, collection, standardization,
630	sharing, and coordination of health-related data across federal,
631	state, and local government and private sector entities.
632	2. To develop a review process to ensure cooperative
633	planning among agencies that collect or maintain health-related
634	data.
635	3. To create ad hoc issue-oriented technical workgroups on
636	an as-needed basis to make recommendations to the council.
637	(9) APPLICATION TO OTHER AGENCIESNothing in this section
638	shall limit, restrict, affect, or control the collection,

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639	analysis, release, or publication of data by any state agency
640	pursuant to its statutory authority, duties, or
641	responsibilities.
642	Section 6. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
643	Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall monitor the Agency for
644	Health Care Administration's implementation of s. 408.05,
645	Florida Statutes, as amended by this act. No later than 1 year
646	after the agency completes implementation, OPPAGA shall provide
647	a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
648	House of Representatives containing recommendations regarding
649	the application of data practices made pursuant to s. 408.05,
650	Florida Statutes, to other executive branch agencies.
651	Section 7. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
652	made by this act to section 257.36, Florida Statutes, in a
653	reference thereto, subsection (8) of section 120.54, Florida
654	Statutes, is reenacted to read:
655	120.54 Rulemaking
656	(8) RULEMAKING RECORDIn all rulemaking proceedings the
657	agency shall compile a rulemaking record. The record shall
658	include, if applicable, copies of:
659	(a) All notices given for the proposed rule.
660	(b) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the
661	rule.
662	(c) A written summary of hearings on the proposed rule.
663	(d) The written comments and responses to written comments
664	as required by this section and s. 120.541.
665	(e) All notices and findings made under subsection (4).
666	(f) All materials filed by the agency with the committee
667	under subsection (3).

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576-04202-14 2014782c2 668 (g) All materials filed with the Department of State under 669 subsection (3). 670 (h) All written inquiries from standing committees of the 671 Legislature concerning the rule. 672 673 Each state agency shall retain the record of rulemaking as long 674 as the rule is in effect. When a rule is no longer in effect, 675 the record may be destroyed pursuant to the records-retention 676 schedule developed under s. 257.36(6). 677 Section 8. Subsection (3) of section 20.42, Florida 678 Statutes, is amended to read: 679 20.42 Agency for Health Care Administration.-680 (3) The department is shall be the chief health policy and planning entity for the state. The department is responsible for 681 682 health facility licensure, inspection, and regulatory 683 enforcement; investigation of consumer complaints related to 684 health care facilities and managed care plans; the 685 implementation of the certificate of need program; the operation 686 of the Florida Center for Health Information and Policy 687 Analysis; the administration of the Medicaid program; the 688 administration of the contracts with the Florida Healthy Kids 689 Corporation; the certification of health maintenance 690 organizations and prepaid health clinics as set forth in part 691 III of chapter 641; and any other duties prescribed by statute 692 or agreement. 693 Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 694 381.026, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

695 381.026 Florida Patient's Bill of Rights and 696 Responsibilities.—

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576-04202-14 2014782c2 697 (4) RIGHTS OF PATIENTS.-Each health care facility or 698 provider shall observe the following standards: 699 (c) Financial information and disclosure.-700 1. A patient has the right to be given, upon request, by 701 the responsible provider, his or her designee, or a 702 representative of the health care facility full information and 703 necessary counseling on the availability of known financial 704 resources for the patient's health care. 705 2. A health care provider or a health care facility shall, 706 upon request, disclose to each patient who is eligible for 707 Medicare, before treatment, whether the health care provider or 708 the health care facility in which the patient is receiving

709 medical services accepts assignment under Medicare reimbursement 710 as payment in full for medical services and treatment rendered 711 in the health care provider's office or health care facility.

712 3. A primary care provider may publish a schedule of 713 charges for the medical services that the provider offers to 714 patients. The schedule must include the prices charged to an 715 uninsured person paying for such services by cash, check, credit 716 card, or debit card. The schedule must be posted in a 717 conspicuous place in the reception area of the provider's office 718 and must include, but is not limited to, the 50 services most 719 frequently provided by the primary care provider. The schedule 720 may group services by three price levels, listing services in 721 each price level. The posting must be at least 15 square feet in 722 size. A primary care provider who publishes and maintains a 723 schedule of charges for medical services is exempt from the 724 license fee requirements for a single period of renewal of a professional license under chapter 456 for that licensure term 725

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576-04202-14 2014782c2 726 and is exempt from the continuing education requirements of 727 chapter 456 and the rules implementing those requirements for a 728 single 2-year period. 729 4. If a primary care provider publishes a schedule of 730 charges pursuant to subparagraph 3., he or she shall must 731 continually post it at all times for the duration of active 732 licensure in this state when primary care services are provided 733 to patients. If a primary care provider fails to post the 734 schedule of charges in accordance with this subparagraph, the 735 provider shall be required to pay any license fee and comply 736 with any continuing education requirements for which an 737 exemption was received. 738 5. A health care provider or a health care facility shall,

739 upon request, furnish a person, before the provision of medical 740 services, a reasonable estimate of charges for such services. 741 The health care provider or the health care facility shall 742 provide an uninsured person, before the provision of a planned 743 nonemergency medical service, a reasonable estimate of charges 744 for such service and information regarding the provider's or 745 facility's discount or charity policies for which the uninsured 746 person may be eligible. Such estimates by a primary care 747 provider must be consistent with the schedule posted under 748 subparagraph 3. To the extent possible, estimates shall, to the 749 extent possible, be written in language comprehensible to an 750 ordinary layperson. Such reasonable estimate does not preclude 751 the health care provider or health care facility from exceeding 752 the estimate or making additional charges based on changes in 753 the patient's condition or treatment needs.

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6. Each licensed facility not operated by the state shall

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576-04202-14 2014782c2 755 make available to the public on its Internet website or by other 756 electronic means a description of and a link to the performance outcome and financial data that is published by the agency 757 758 pursuant to s. 408.05(3)(k). The facility shall place in its 759 reception area a notice stating that the in the reception area 760 that such information is available electronically and providing 761 the facility's website address. The licensed facility may 762 indicate that the pricing information is based on a compilation 763 of charges for the average patient and that each patient's bill 764 may vary from the average depending upon the severity of illness 765 and individual resources consumed. The licensed facility may 766 also indicate that the price of service is negotiable for 767 eligible patients based upon the patient's ability to pay. 768 7. A patient has the right to receive a copy of an itemized 769 bill and upon request. A patient has a right to be given an 770 explanation of charges upon request. 771 Section 10. Subsection (11) of section 395.301, Florida 772 Statutes, is amended to read: 773 395.301 Itemized patient bill; form and content prescribed 774 by the agency.-775 (11) Each licensed facility shall make available on its 776 Internet website a link to the performance outcome and financial 777 data that is published by the Agency for Health Care 778 Administration pursuant to s. 408.05(3)(k). The facility shall 779 place in its reception area a notice stating in the reception 780 area that the information is available electronically and 781 providing the facility's Internet website address. 782 Section 11. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 783 395.602, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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576-04202-14 2014782c2 784 395.602 Rural hospitals.-785 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this part: 786 (e) "Rural hospital" means an acute care hospital licensed 787 under this chapter, having 100 or fewer licensed beds and an 788 emergency room, which is: 789 1. The sole provider within a county with a population 790 density of no greater than 100 persons per square mile; 791 2. An acute care hospital, in a county with a population 792 density of no greater than 100 persons per square mile, which is 793 at least 30 minutes of travel time, on normally traveled roads 794 under normal traffic conditions, from any other acute care 795 hospital within the same county; 796 3. A hospital supported by a tax district or subdistrict 797 whose boundaries encompass a population of 100 persons or fewer 798 per square mile; 799 4. A hospital in a constitutional charter county with a 800 population of more than over 1 million persons that has imposed 801 a local option health service tax pursuant to law and in an area 802 that was directly impacted by a catastrophic event on August 24, 1992, for which the Governor of Florida declared a state of 803 804 emergency pursuant to chapter 125, and has 120 beds or less that 805 serves an agricultural community with an emergency room 806 utilization of no less than 20,000 visits and a Medicaid 807 inpatient utilization rate greater than 15 percent;

5. A hospital with a service area that has a population of 100 persons or fewer per square mile. As used in this subparagraph, the term "service area" means the fewest number of zip codes that account for 75 percent of the hospital's discharges for the most recent 5-year period, based on

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813	information available from the <u>agency's</u> hospital inpatient
814	discharge database in the Florida Center for Health Information
815	and Policy Analysis at the agency; or
816	6. A hospital designated as a critical access hospital, as
817	defined in s. 408.07.
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819	Population densities used in this paragraph must be based upon
820	the most recently completed United States census. A hospital
821	that received funds under s. 409.9116 for a quarter beginning no
822	later than July 1, 2002, is deemed to have been and shall
823	continue to be a rural hospital from that date through June 30,
824	2015, if the hospital continues to have 100 or fewer licensed
825	beds and an emergency room, or meets the criteria of
826	subparagraph 4. An acute care hospital that has not previously
827	been designated as a rural hospital and that meets the criteria
828	of this paragraph shall be granted such designation upon
829	application, including supporting documentation, to the agency.
830	A hospital that was licensed as a rural hospital during the
831	2010-2011 or 2011-2012 fiscal year shall continue to be a rural
832	hospital from the date of designation through June 30, 2015, if
833	the hospital continues to have 100 or fewer licensed beds and an
834	emergency room.
835	Section 12. Section 395.6025, Florida Statutes, is amended
836	to read:
837	395.6025 Rural hospital replacement facilities
838	Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 408.036, a hospital defined
839	as a statutory rural hospital in accordance with s. 395.602, or
840	a not-for-profit operator of rural hospitals, is not required to

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842	hospital located in a county with a population of at least
843	15,000 but no more than 18,000 and a density of less than 30
844	persons per square mile, or a replacement facility, <u>if</u> provided
845	that the replacement, or new, facility is located within 10
846	miles of the site of the currently licensed rural hospital and
847	within the current primary service area. As used in this
848	section, the term "service area" means the fewest number of zip
849	codes that account for 75 percent of the hospital's discharges
850	for the most recent 5-year period, based on information
851	available from the Agency for Health Care Administration's
852	hospital inpatient discharge database in the Florida Center for
853	Health Information and Policy Analysis at the Agency for Health
854	Care Administration.
855	Section 13. Subsection (43) of section 408.07, Florida
856	Statutes, is amended to read:
857	408.07 DefinitionsAs used in this chapter, with the
858	exception of ss. 408.031-408.045, the term:
859	(43) "Rural hospital" means an acute care hospital licensed
860	under chapter 395, having 100 or fewer licensed beds and an
861	emergency room, and which is:
862	(a) The sole provider within a county with a population
863	density of no greater than 100 persons per square mile;
864	(b) An acute care hospital, in a county with a population
865	density of no greater than 100 persons per square mile, which is
866	at least 30 minutes of travel time, on normally traveled roads
867	under normal traffic conditions, from another acute care
868	hospital within the same county;
869	(c) A hospital supported by a tax district or subdistrict
870	whose boundaries encompass a population of 100 persons or fewer
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576-04202-14 2014782c2 871 per square mile; 872 (d) A hospital with a service area that has a population of 873 100 persons or fewer per square mile. As used in this paragraph, 874 the term "service area" means the fewest number of zip codes 875 that account for 75 percent of the hospital's discharges for the 876 most recent 5-year period, based on information available from 877 the Agency for Health Care Administration's hospital inpatient 878 discharge database in the Florida Center for Health Information 879 and Policy Analysis at the Agency for Health Care 880 Administration; or 881 (e) A critical access hospital. 882 Population densities used in this subsection must be based upon 883 884 the most recently completed United States census. A hospital that received funds under s. 409.9116 for a quarter beginning no 885 886 later than July 1, 2002, is deemed to have been and shall 887 continue to be a rural hospital from that date through June 30, 888 2015, if the hospital continues to have 100 or fewer licensed 889 beds and an emergency room, or meets the criteria of s. 890 395.602(2)(e)4. An acute care hospital that has not previously 891 been designated as a rural hospital and that meets the criteria 892 of this subsection shall be granted such designation upon 893 application, including supporting documentation, to the Agency for Health Care Administration. 894

895Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section896408.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

897 408.18 Health Care Community Antitrust Guidance Act; 898 antitrust no-action letter; market-information collection and 899 education.-

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576-04202-14 2014782c2 900 (4) (a) Members of the health care community who seek 901 antitrust guidance may request a review of their proposed 902 business activity by the Attorney General's office. In 903 conducting its review, the Attorney General's office may seek 904 whatever documentation, data, or other material it deems 905 necessary from the Agency for Health Care Administration, the 906 Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis, and 907 the Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services 908 Commission. 909 Section 15. Section 465.0244, Florida Statutes, is amended 910 to read: 911 465.0244 Information disclosure.-Every pharmacy shall make 912 available on its Internet website a link to the performance 913 outcome and financial data that is published by the Agency for 914 Health Care Administration pursuant to s. 408.05(3)(k) and shall 915 place in the area where customers receive filled prescriptions 916 notice that such information is available electronically and the 917 address of its Internet website. 918 Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 627.6499, Florida 919 Statutes, is amended to read: 920 627.6499 Reporting by insurers and third-party 921 administrators.-922 (2) Each health insurance issuer shall make available on

923 its Internet website a link to the performance outcome and 924 financial data that is published by the Agency for Health Care 925 Administration pursuant to s. 408.05(3)(k) and shall include in 926 every policy delivered or issued for delivery to any person in 927 the state or any materials provided as required by s. 627.64725 928 notice that such information is available electronically and the

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929	address of its Internet website.
930	Section 17. Subsection (7) of section 641.54, Florida
931	Statutes, is amended to read:
932	641.54 Information disclosure
933	(7) Each health maintenance organization shall make
934	available on its Internet website a link to the performance
935	outcome and financial data that is published by the Agency for
936	Health Care Administration pursuant to s. 408.05(3)(k) and shall
937	include in every policy delivered or issued for delivery to any
938	person in the state or any materials provided as required by s.
939	627.64725 notice that such information is available
940	electronically and the address of its Internet website.
941	Section 18. (1) For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, for the
942	purpose of implementing and maintaining the public information
943	website enhancements provided under section 4 of this act:
944	(a) The sums of \$72,435 in recurring funds and \$3,773 in
945	nonrecurring funds from the Health Care Trust Fund and one full-
946	time equivalent health services and facilities consultant
947	position with associated salary rate of 46,560 are appropriated
948	to the Agency for Health Care Administration;
949	(b) The sums of \$30,000 in recurring funds and \$15,000 in
950	nonrecurring funds from the Health Care Trust Fund are
951	appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration for
952	software purchase, installation, and maintenance services; and
953	(c) The sums of \$2,474 in recurring funds and \$82,806 in
954	nonrecurring funds from the Health Care Trust Fund are
955	appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration for
956	contracted services.
957	(2) If CS/CS/SB 248 or similar legislation, 2014 Regular

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958	Session, and this bill are both enacted into law during the 2014
959	Regular Session, or any extension thereof, and both bills
960	contain provisions authorizing the Agency for Health Care
961	Administration to create a monitored comment webpage allowing
962	members of the public to comment on specific assisted living
963	facilities licensed in this state and if both bills appropriate
964	funds to the Agency for Health Care Administration, this section
965	may not take effect.
966	Section 19. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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