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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER _____

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Committee

3 Representative Hill offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 15 and 16, insert:

7 Section 1. Section 391.224, Florida Statutes, is created
8 to read:

9 391.224 Pediatric Cardiac Advisory Council.—

10 (1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—

11 (a) The Legislature finds significant benefits in the
12 continued coordination of activities by several state agencies
13 regarding access to pediatric cardiac care in this state. It is
14 the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Health, the
15 department's cardiac consultants, and the Agency for Health Care
16 Administration maintain their long-standing interagency teams
17 and agreements for the development and adoption of guidelines,

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18 standards, and rules for those portions of the state cardiac
19 care system within the statutory authority of each agency. This
20 coordinated approach will continue to ensure the necessary
21 continuum of care for the pediatric cardiac patient. The
22 department has the leadership responsibility for this activity.

23 (b) It is further the intent of the Legislature to
24 establish the Pediatric Cardiac Advisory Council, a statewide,
25 inclusive council within the department.

26 (2) PEDIATRIC CARDIAC ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

27 (a) The State Surgeon General shall appoint the Pediatric
28 Cardiac Advisory Council for the purpose of advising the
29 department on the delivery of cardiac services to children.

30 (b) The chair of the council shall be elected from among
31 the council members every 2 years and may not serve more than
32 two consecutive terms.

33 (c) The council shall meet upon the call of the chair or
34 two or more voting members or upon the call of the State Surgeon
35 General, but must meet at least quarterly. Council meetings must
36 be conducted by teleconference or through other electronic means
37 when feasible.

38 (d) The council shall be composed of no more than 13
39 voting members with technical expertise in cardiac medicine.
40 Members shall be appointed by the State Surgeon General for
41 staggered terms of 4 years. An employee of the department or a
42 contracted consultant paid by the department may not serve as an
43 appointed member or ex officio member of the council. Council

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44 members shall include the following voting members:

45 1. Pediatric cardiologists or pediatric cardiovascular
46 surgeons who have been nominated by their respective chief
47 executive officers and approved by the State Surgeon General
48 from the following facilities for as long as such facilities
49 maintain their pediatric certificates of need:

50 a. All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg;

51 b. Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children in Orlando;

52 c. Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood;

53 d. Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami;

54 e. St. Joseph's Children's Hospital in Tampa;

55 f. University of Florida Health Shands Hospital in
56 Gainesville;

57 g. University of Miami Holtz Children's Hospital in Miami;

58 and

59 h. Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville.

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61 A hospital with a certificate of need for a pediatric cardiac
62 program that meets state and national standards as determined by
63 the council following an onsite visit by a panel from the
64 council shall have one of its pediatric cardiologists or
65 pediatric cardiovascular surgeons who has been nominated by its
66 chief executive officer and approved by the State Surgeon
67 General appointed to the council as a new voting member. The
68 voting privilege of a voting member of the council appointed
69 pursuant to this subparagraph shall be suspended if the facility

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70 he or she represents no longer meets state and national
71 standards as adopted by the council. Such individual may remain
72 a member of the council in an advisory capacity but shall
73 relinquish voting privileges until his or her facility meets
74 such standards.

75 2. Two physicians at large, not associated with a facility
76 that has a representative appointed as a voting member of the
77 council, who are pediatric cardiologists or subspecialists with
78 special expertise or experience in dealing with children or
79 adults with congenital heart disease. These physicians shall be
80 selected by the State Surgeon General in consultation with the
81 Deputy Secretary for Children's Medical Services and the
82 Director of Children's Medical Services.

83 3. One community physician who has ongoing involvement
84 with and special interest in children with heart disease and who
85 is not associated with a facility represented in subparagraph 1.
86 or one community-based medical internist having experience with
87 adults with congenital heart disease. The community physician
88 shall be selected by the State Surgeon General in consultation
89 with the Deputy Secretary of Children's Medical Services and the
90 Director of the Division of Children's Medical Services.

91 (e) The State Surgeon General may appoint nonvoting
92 advisory members to the council in consultation with the Deputy
93 Secretary for Children's Medical Services and the Director of
94 Children's Medical Services. Such members may participate in
95 council discussions and subcommittees created by the council,

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96 but may not vote.

97 (f) The duties of the council include, but are not limited
98 to:

99 1. Recommending standards for personnel, diagnoses,
100 clinics, and facilities rendering cardiac services to the
101 department and the Division of Children's Medical Services.

102 2. Analyzing reports on the periodic review of cardiac
103 personnel, diagnoses, clinics, and facilities to determine if
104 established state and national standards for cardiac services
105 are met.

106 3. Making recommendations to the Director of Children's
107 Medical Services as to the approval or disapproval of reviewed
108 cardiac care personnel, diagnoses, clinics, and facilities.

109 4. Making recommendations as to the intervals for
110 reinspection of approved personnel, diagnoses, clinics, and
111 facilities for cardiac care.

112 5. Reviewing and inspecting hospitals upon the request of
113 the hospitals, the department, or the Agency for Health Care
114 Administration to determine if established state and national
115 standards for cardiac services are met.

116 6. Providing input on all aspects of the state's
117 Children's Medical Services cardiac programs, including
118 rulemaking.

119 7. Addressing all components of the care of adults and
120 children with congenital heart disease and children with
121 acquired heart disease, as indicated and appropriate.

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122 8. Abiding by the recognized state and national
123 professional standards of care for children with heart disease.

124 9. Making recommendations to the State Surgeon General for
125 legislation and appropriations for children's cardiac services.

126 10. Providing advisory opinions to the Agency for Health
127 Care Administration before the agency approves a certificate of
128 need for children's cardiac services.

129 (g) A council member shall serve without compensation, but
130 is entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses in
131 accordance with s. 112.061.

132 (h) At the recommendation of the Pediatric Cardiac
133 Advisory Council and with the approval of the Director of
134 Children's Medical Services, the State Surgeon General shall
135 designate facilities meeting the council's approved state and
136 national professional standards of care for children with heart
137 disease as "Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Centers of
138 Excellence." The designation is withdrawn automatically if a
139 particular center no longer meets such standards.

140 1. The council shall develop and recommend to the State
141 Surgeon General measurable performance standards and goals for
142 determining whether a facility meets the requirements for
143 designation as a "Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Center
144 of Excellence."

145 2. The council shall develop and recommend to the State
146 Surgeon General evaluation tools for measuring the goals and
147 performance standards of the facilities seeking and receiving

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148 the "Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Center of
149 Excellence" designation.

150 (3) ANNUAL REPORT.—The council shall submit an annual
151 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker
152 of the House of Representatives, and the State Surgeon General
153 by January 1 of each year, beginning in 2017. The report must
154 summarize the council's activities for the preceding fiscal year
155 and include data and performance measures for all pediatric
156 cardiac facilities that participate in the Children's Medical
157 Services Network relating to surgical morbidity and mortality.
158 The report must also recommend any policy or procedural changes
159 that would increase the council's effectiveness in monitoring
160 the pediatric cardiovascular programs in the state.

161 (4) RULEMAKING.—The department, in coordination with the
162 Agency for Health Care Administration, shall develop rules
163 related to pediatric cardiac facilities that participate in the
164 Children's Medical Services Network. The rules may establish
165 standards relating to the training and credentialing of medical
166 and surgical personnel, facility and physician minimum case
167 volumes, and data reporting requirements for monitoring and
168 enhancing quality assurance. The department may adopt rules
169 relating to the establishment, operations, and authority of the
170 Pediatric Cardiac Advisory Council and the establishment, goals,
171 performance standards, and evaluation tools for designating
172 facilities as Pediatric and Congenital Cardiovascular Centers of
173 Excellence. The rules relating to pediatric cardiac services and

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174 facilities in effect on October 1, 2015, are authorized pursuant
175 to this subsection and shall remain in effect until amended
176 pursuant to this subsection.

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Remove line 2 and insert:

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An act relating to cardiovascular services; creating

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s. 391.224, F.S.; providing legislative findings and

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intent; creating the Pediatric Cardiac Advisory

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Council; determining the chair of the advisory

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council; establishing the membership of the advisory

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council; identifying the duties of the advisory

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council; setting the minimum qualifications for the

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designation of a facility as a Pediatric and

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Congenital Cardiovascular Center of Excellence;

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requiring a report to the Governor, the Legislature,

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and the State Surgeon General; requiring the

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Department of Health to develop rules relating to

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pediatric cardiac services and facilities in the

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Children's Medical Services Network; authorizing the

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department to adopt rules relating to the council and

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the designation of facilities as Pediatric and

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Congenital Cardiovascular Centers of Excellence;

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authorizing and preserving until amended specified

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199 rules relating to pediatric cardiac services and
200 facilities;