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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to patient safety and quality
 measures; amending s. 395.1012, F.S.; requiring that
 each hospital provide specified information and data
 relating to patient safety and quality measures to a
 patient under certain circumstances or to any person
 upon request; requiring hospitals and ambulatory
 surgical centers to submit patient safety culture
 survey data to the Agency for Health Care
 Administration; amending s. 408.05, F.S.; requiring
 the Agency for Health Care Administration to develop
 surveys to assess patient safety culture in certain
 health care facilities; amending s. 408.061, F.S.;
 revising requirements for the submission of health
 care data to the agency; providing appropriations;
 providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (3) and (4) are added to section
 395.1012, Florida Statutes, to read:

395.1012 Patient safety.—

(3) (a) Each hospital shall provide to any patient upon
 admission, upon scheduling of nonemergency care, or prior to
 treatment written information on a form created by the agency

26 | that contains data reported for the most recent year available
 27 | for the hospital and the statewide average for the following
 28 | quality measures:

- 29 | 1. The rate of hospital-acquired infections;
- 30 | 2. The overall rating of the Hospital Consumer Assessment
 31 | of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey; and
- 32 | 3. The 15-day readmission rate.

33 | (b) A hospital must also provide the written information
 34 | specified in paragraph (a) to any person upon request.

35 | (c) The information required by this subsection must be
 36 | presented in a manner that is easily understandable and
 37 | accessible to the patient and must also include an explanation
 38 | of the quality measures and the relationship between the
 39 | hospital's data for the quality measures and patient safety.

40 | (4) Each licensed facility subject to s. 408.05(3) (d)
 41 | shall submit facility patient safety culture surveys to the
 42 | agency in accordance with applicable rules.

43 | Section 2. Paragraphs (d) through (k) of subsection (3) of
 44 | section 408.05, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs
 45 | (e) through (l), respectively, present paragraph (j) is amended,
 46 | and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

47 | 408.05 Florida Center for Health Information and
 48 | Transparency.—

49 | (3) HEALTH INFORMATION TRANSPARENCY.—In order to
 50 | disseminate and facilitate the availability of comparable and

51 uniform health information, the agency shall perform the
52 following functions:

53 (d) Design a patient safety culture survey or surveys to
54 be completed annually by each hospital and ambulatory surgical
55 center licensed under chapter 395. The survey shall be designed
56 to measure aspects of patient safety culture, including
57 frequency of adverse events, quality of handoffs and
58 transitions, comfort in reporting a potential problem or error,
59 the level of teamwork within hospital units and the facility as
60 a whole, staff compliance with patient safety regulations and
61 guidelines, staff perception of facility support for patient
62 safety, and staff opinions on whether the staff would undergo a
63 health care service or procedure at the facility. The survey
64 shall be anonymous to encourage staff employed by or working in
65 the facility to complete the survey. The agency shall review and
66 analyze nationally recognized patient safety culture survey
67 products, including, but not limited to, the patient safety
68 surveys developed by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research
69 and Quality and the Safety Attitudes Questionnaire developed by
70 the University of Texas, to develop the patient safety culture
71 survey. This paragraph does not apply to licensed facilities
72 operating exclusively as state facilities.

73 (k)~~(j)~~ Conduct and make available the results of special
74 health surveys, including facility patient safety culture
75 surveys, health care research, and health care evaluations

76 | conducted or supported under this section. Each year the center
77 | shall select and analyze one or more research topics that can be
78 | investigated using the data available pursuant to paragraph (c).
79 | The selected topics must focus on producing actionable
80 | information for improving quality of care and reducing costs.
81 | The first topic selected by the center must address preventable
82 | hospitalizations.

83 | Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
84 | 408.061, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

85 | 408.061 Data collection; uniform systems of financial
86 | reporting; information relating to physician charges;
87 | confidential information; immunity.—

88 | (1) The agency shall require the submission by health care
89 | facilities, health care providers, and health insurers of data
90 | necessary to carry out the agency's duties and to facilitate
91 | transparency in health care pricing data and quality measures.
92 | Specifications for data to be collected under this section shall
93 | be developed by the agency and applicable contract vendors, with
94 | the assistance of technical advisory panels including
95 | representatives of affected entities, consumers, purchasers, and
96 | such other interested parties as may be determined by the
97 | agency.

98 | (a) Data submitted by health care facilities, including
99 | the facilities as defined in chapter 395, shall include, but are
100 | not limited to: case-mix data, patient admission and discharge

101 data, hospital emergency department data which shall include the
102 number of patients treated in the emergency department of a
103 licensed hospital reported by patient acuity level, data on
104 hospital-acquired infections as specified by rule, data on
105 complications as specified by rule, data on readmissions as
106 specified by rule, with patient and provider-specific
107 identifiers included, actual charge data by diagnostic groups or
108 other bundled groupings as specified by rule, facility patient
109 safety culture surveys, financial data, accounting data,
110 operating expenses, expenses incurred for rendering services to
111 patients who cannot or do not pay, interest charges,
112 depreciation expenses based on the expected useful life of the
113 property and equipment involved, and demographic data. The
114 agency shall adopt nationally recognized risk adjustment
115 methodologies or software consistent with the standards of the
116 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and as selected by
117 the agency for all data submitted as required by this section.
118 Data may be obtained from documents such as, but not limited to:
119 leases, contracts, debt instruments, itemized patient statements
120 or bills, medical record abstracts, and related diagnostic
121 information. Reported data elements shall be reported
122 electronically in accordance with rule 59E-7.012, Florida
123 Administrative Code. Data submitted shall be certified by the
124 chief executive officer or an appropriate and duly authorized
125 representative or employee of the licensed facility that the

126 information submitted is true and accurate.

127 Section 4. For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, one full-time
128 equivalent position with associated salary rate of 46,560 is
129 authorized, and the sums of \$74,173 in recurring funds and
130 \$87,474 in nonrecurring funds from the Health Care Trust Fund
131 are appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration,
132 for the purpose of implementing the requirements of this act.

133 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.