A bill to be entitled
An act relating to patient access to primary care and
specialist providers; creating s. 395.1052, F.S.;
requiring a hospital to notify a patient's primary
care or specialist provider within a specified
timeframe after the patient's admission; requiring a
hospital to inform a patient, upon admission, of the
option to request consultation between the patient's
primary care or specialist provider and the treating
physician at the hospital; requiring a hospital to
notify a patient's primary care or specialist provider
of the patient's discharge and provide specified
information and records to the primary care or
specialist provider within a specified timeframe after
discharge; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 395.1052, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

395.1052 Patient access to primary care or specialist
provider; notification.—Each hospital shall:

(1) Notify the patient's primary care or specialist
provider, if any, within 24 hours after the patient's admission
to the hospital.
(2) Inform a patient immediately upon admission that he or she may request to have the treating physician at the hospital consult with the patient's primary care or specialist provider, if any, when developing the patient's plan of care. Upon the patient's request, the treating physician at the hospital shall make reasonable efforts to consult with the patient's primary care or specialist provider when developing the patient's plan of care.

(3) Notify the patient's primary care or specialist provider, if any, of the patient's discharge from the hospital within 24 hours after discharge.

(4) Provide the discharge summary and any related information or records to the patient's primary care or specialist provider, if any, within 7 days after the patient's discharge from the hospital.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.