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1	A bill to be entitled	
2	An act relating to healthcare; providing legislative	
3	findings; permitting a Level I, Level II or pediatric	
4	trauma center to operate if it has been in continuous	
5	operation after the enactment of ch. 2004-259 for at	
6	least a consecutive 12-month period, submits an	
7	application by June 31, 2015 for a site visit by the	
8	American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, and	
9	complies with s. 395.4025(6); making a hospital that	
10	complies with the requirements eligible for renewal of	
11	its 7-year approval period under s. 395.4025(6);	
12	requiring any hospital that obtains a trauma center	
13	consultation report following the site visit to	
14	provide the report to the Department of Health;	
15	requiring the Department of Health to use the trauma	
16	center consultation reports in any assessment of the	
17	state trauma system; providing an effective date.	
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:	
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21	Section 1. The Legislature finds that an integrated,	
22	comprehensive, and superior quality trauma system is necessary	
23	to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of	
24	Florida and the visitors to this state. The Legislature further	
25	finds that each trauma center operating in the state is an	
26	integral part of the trauma system and fulfills a critical need	
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27	for trauma care in the area in which it is located. A
28	disruption in the operational status of a trauma center may
29	disrupt the availability of needed trauma services for residents
30	of and visitors to Florida. The Legislature finds that all
31	currently operating trauma centers in the state are contributing
32	to an inclusive trauma system and are delivering needed trauma
33	services so that optimal trauma care is available and accessible
34	throughout the state.
35	Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
36	hospital that has operated continuously as a Level I, Level II,
37	or pediatric trauma center for a consecutive 12-month period
38	after the enactment of chapter 2004-259, Laws of Florida, and
39	that submits an application for a site visit by the American
40	College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma on or before June 30,
41	2015 for the purpose of obtaining a trauma center consultation
42	report may operate as a verified Level I, Level II, or pediatric
43	trauma center until the approval period in s. 395.4025(6)
44	expires and so long as the hospital continues to meet the other
45	requirements of s. 395.4025(6) related to trauma center
46	standards and patient outcomes. Any hospital that meets the
47	requirements of this section shall be eligible for renewal of
48	its 7-year approval period pursuant to s. 395.4025(6).
49	Section 3. Each hospital that obtains a trauma center
50	consultation report from the American College of Surgeons
51	Committee on Trauma shall provide a copy of the report to the
52	Department of Health. The department shall use the report in
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53 any assessment of the state trauma system.

54 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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