

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to hospitals; amending s. 395.1051,
3 F.S.; requiring a hospital to notify obstetrical
4 physicians before the hospital closes its obstetrical
5 department or ceases to provide obstetrical services;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 395.1051, Florida Statutes, is amended
11 to read:

12 395.1051 Duty to notify patients and physicians.—

13 (1) An appropriately trained person designated by each
14 licensed facility shall inform each patient, or an individual
15 identified pursuant to s. 765.401(1), in person about adverse
16 incidents that result in serious harm to the patient.
17 Notification of outcomes of care which ~~that~~ result in harm to
18 the patient under this section does ~~shall~~ not constitute an
19 acknowledgment or admission of liability and may not, ~~nor can it~~
20 be introduced as evidence.

21 (2) A hospital shall notify each obstetrical physician who
22 has privileges at the hospital at least 120 days before the
23 hospital closes its obstetrical department or ceases to provide
24 obstetrical services.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.