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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.