

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 1578

SPONSOR: Senator Horne

SUBJECT: University Hospital of Jacksonville and Faculty Clinic

DATE: March 8, 2000 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>White</u>	<u>O'Farrell</u>	<u>ED</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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I. Summary:

This legislation replaces statutory references to “University Hospital of Jacksonville and Faculty Clinic, Inc.” with “Shands Jacksonville Healthcare, Inc.” and authorizes the Board of Regents to provide comprehensive general liability coverage to that hospital.

This bill amends s. 240.5135, F.S.

II. Present Situation:

Section 240.213, F.S., authorizes the Board of Regents to provide comprehensive general liability insurance, including professional liability insurance for health care, to:

- The Board of Regents
- Its officers, employees, or agents
- The students and faculty of any state university
- The professional practitioners practicing a profession within or by a state university
- Any state university
- Certain not-for-profit corporations affiliated with a state university which benefit the university and operate in the best interests of Florida

That section also stipulates that the necessary trust funds may be established in the State Treasury if the Board of Regents adopts a self-insurance program.

Section 240.5135, F.S., authorizes the Board of Regents to provide comprehensive general liability insurance, including professional liability insurance, to University Hospital of Jacksonville and Faculty Clinic, Inc.

According to the University of Florida, on October 1, 1999, Shands Jacksonville Healthcare, Inc., assumed the daily operation and organizational structure of University Hospital of Jacksonville and Faculty Clinic, Inc.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The legislation under consideration replaces current statutory references to “University Hospital of Jacksonville and Faculty Clinic, Inc.” with “Shands Jacksonville Healthcare, Inc.” The bill also authorizes the Board of Regents to provide comprehensive general liability coverage, including professional liability coverage, to Shands Jacksonville Healthcare, Inc., its not-for-profit subsidiaries and affiliates, and any successor corporation that acts in support of the Board of Regents. This coverage is to be provided from the self-insurance programs that current law authorizes the Board of Regents to adopt.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
