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Present law provides for the confidentiality of all records, notes, data, studies, analyses, exhibits, and proceedings of peer review committees of certain medical entities.

Present law further provides that the materials are only for the use of the peer review committee in the exercise of the proper functions of the committee and are not available for discovery or court subpoena regardless of location, except as provided in present law.

Proposed law adds hospital systems to the list of medical organizations whose peer review committee materials are confidential and not subject to disclosure.

Proposed law authorizes hospitals within the same health system to share peer review information, data, reports, or records for credentialing, quality review, professional competency purposes, professional conduct purposes, or patient safety activities.

Proposed law provides that sharing peer review materials within a health system does not constitute a waiver of any legal or evidentiary privilege nor form the basis of any claim or suit for damages or injunctive relief.

Proposed law provides that a person, committee, hospital, health system, or other peer review entity sharing information pursuant to proposed law is entitled to immunities provided for in present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 13:3715.3(A)(2) and (B); adds R.S. 13:3715.3(H))