

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2022-331

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** April 26, 20228

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F

**Date of Analysis:** April 28, 2022

**Type of Action:** Authorizing issuance of health care facilities revenue bonds; providing that the bonds do not constitute a debt, liability or obligation of the City; authorizing a negotiated bond sale; approving execution of documents; approving interlocal agreements

**Bill Summary:** The bill approves the issuance of health care facilities revenue bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000,000 for the benefit of Southern Baptist Hospital of Florida, Inc. (d/b/a Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville, Baptist Medical Center South, Wolfson Children's Hospital and Baptist Medical Center Clay) to finance, refinance and reimburse costs for various authorized projects. It authorizes the execution and delivery of a loan agreement and bond indenture and authorizes execution of a bond purchase agreement and master indenture obligation. A negotiated sale of the bonds is approved. Interlocal agreements with Clay, Nassau and St. Johns counties are approved. The bonds are declared not to be general debt, liability or obligation of the City and to be payable solely from the revenues received from the hospitals.

**Background Information:** The bond proceeds will be used for the following projects:

- Baptist Downtown – construction of a 7-story tower containing a neonatal intensive care unit, pediatric intensive care unit, labor and delivery rooms, and other laboratory, testing, procedure, and office space
- Baptist Beaches – renovation and expansion of laboratory, pharmacy, testing, and procedure rooms.
- Baptist South – expansion and equipping of in-patient rooms.
- Baptist Clay – construction of a new 300,000 square foot, 100 bed inpatient hospital.
- Baptist Nassau – construction of a new 25,000 square foot free-standing emergency room facility.
- Baptist St. Augustine - construction of a new 25,000 square foot free-standing emergency room facility.

Interlocal agreements with the neighboring counties are required since the proceeds of bonds sold by Jacksonville will be used in those jurisdictions.

**Policy Impact Area:** Hospital construction, renovation and expansion

**Fiscal Impact:** The bill authorizes the sale of \$200 million in hospital facility revenue bonds that do not constitute a liability or obligation of the City.

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