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Representative(s) Sanderson offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 45, between lines 23 and 24, of the bill

insert:

Section 25. (1) The Department of Children and Family Services shall, through a request for proposals, privatize South Florida State Hospital. The department shall plan to begin implementation of this privatization initiative by July 1, 1998.

(a) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(12), Florida Statutes, the department may enter into agreements, not to exceed 20 years, with a private provider, a coalition of providers, or another agency to finance, design, and construct a treatment facility having up to 350 beds and to operate all aspects of daily operations within the facility. The department may subcontract any or all components of this procurement to a statutorily established state governmental entity that has successfully contracted with private companies for designing, financing, acquiring, leasing, constructing, and operating

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1 major privatized state facilities.

2 (b) The selected contractor is authorized to sponsor  
3 the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, certificates of  
4 participation, or other securities to finance the project, and  
5 the state is authorized to enter into a lease-purchase  
6 agreement for the treatment facility.

7 (2) The contractor shall operate South Florida State  
8 Hospital as a mental health treatment facility that serves  
9 voluntarily and involuntarily committed indigent adults who  
10 meet the criteria of part I of chapter 394, Florida Statutes,  
11 and who reside in the South Florida State Hospital service  
12 area.

13 (a) South Florida State Hospital shall remain a  
14 participant in the mental health disproportionate share  
15 program so long as the residents receive eligible services.

16 (b) The department and the contractor shall ensure  
17 that the treatment facility is operated as a part of a total  
18 continuum of care for persons who are mentally ill. The  
19 contractor shall have as its primary goal for the treatment  
20 facility to effectively treat and assist residents to return  
21 to the community as quickly as possible.

22 (3)(a) Current South Florida State Hospital employees  
23 who are affected by the privatization shall be given first  
24 preference for continued employment by the contractor. The  
25 department shall make reasonable efforts to find suitable job  
26 placements for employees who wish to remain within the state  
27 Career Service System.

28 (b) Any savings that result from the privatization of  
29 South Florida State Hospital shall be directed to the  
30 department's service districts 9, 10, and 11 for the delivery  
31 of community mental health services.

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1           (4) This section shall take effect upon this act  
2 becoming a law.

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4 (Renumber subsequent section)

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8 And the title is amended as follows:

9           On page 4, line(s) 27,

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11 after the semicolon insert:

12           requiring the Department of Children and Family  
13           Services to privatize South Florida State  
14           Hospital and providing for hiring preferences;

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