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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to mental health and substance
3 abuse services; amending s. 394.66, F.S.;
4 conforming references; amending s. 394.74,
5 F.S.; authorizing the Department of Children
6 and Family Services to use unit cost methods of
7 payment in contracts for mental health and
8 substance abuse services; amending s. 394.78,
9 F.S.; requiring the department to establish
10 certain contract, payments, and accounting
11 standards; directing the department to propose
12 revisions to pt. IV of ch. 394, F.S., relating
13 to community alcohol, drug abuse, and mental
14 health services; requiring a report; amending
15 s. 397.419, F.S.; providing quality assurance
16 program requirements for substance abuse
17 services; providing for district quality
18 assurance coordinators, contingent upon
19 specific appropriation; creating s. 397.92,
20 F.S.; providing goals of the children's
21 substance abuse services system; creating s.
22 397.93, F.S.; specifying target populations;
23 creating s. 397.94, F.S.; requiring each
24 district of the Department of Children and
25 Family Services to develop a children's
26 substance abuse information and referral
27 network by a specified date; creating s.
28 397.95, F.S.; requiring certain service
29 providers to comply with licensure requirements
30 and department rules; creating s. 397.951,
31 F.S.; providing for the integration of

1 treatment and sanctions; creating s. 397.96,
2 F.S.; providing for intensive case management
3 for certain complex cases; creating s. 397.97,
4 F.S.; creating the Children's Network of Care
5 Demonstration Models for local delivery of
6 substance abuse services; providing a time
7 limitation; providing for purchase of services;
8 providing criteria for operation; creating s.
9 397.98, F.S.; providing for utilization
10 management under the demonstration models;
11 creating s. 397.99, F.S.; providing for award
12 of school substance abuse prevention
13 partnership grants; providing procedures for
14 application and review; providing criteria for
15 funding and requirements for operation of
16 programs funded; providing for rules; creating
17 s. 397.997, F.S.; providing for a prevention
18 website; creating s. 397.998, F.S.; directing
19 the department to establish a program to
20 provide drug-free communities support match
21 grants, contingent upon specific
22 appropriations; providing purposes,
23 eligibility, and procedures; authorizing
24 department rules; providing an effective date.

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26 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that substance abuse has
27 a detrimental effect on children which requires a system of
28 appropriate substance abuse services, including school-based,
29 community-based prevention, and early intervention programs,
30 as well as community-based treatment programs, and
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1 WHEREAS, it is in the state's best interest that
2 children with a substance abuse problem receive the services
3 they need to enable them to become and remain independent of
4 state care or, when in state care, to return home or be placed
5 in an appropriate home-like setting, and

6 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Legislature to ensure
7 that prevention, early intervention, and treatment services
8 are available for children who are delinquent or dependent,
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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the most
11 effective prevention, early intervention, and treatment
12 strategies for children require that families participate in
13 substance abuse services, and

14 WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Legislature to provide
15 an accountable and effective system of substance abuse
16 prevention, intervention, and treatment services through a
17 quality assurance process that ensures the most effective
18 service delivery system, NOW, THEREFORE,

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22 Section 1. Subsections (3) and (7) of section 394.66,
23 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

24 394.66 Legislative intent with respect to alcohol,
25 drug abuse, and mental health services.--It is the intent of
26 the Legislature to:

27 (3) Ensure that all activities of the Department of
28 Children Health and Family Rehabilitative Services and its
29 contractors are directed toward the coordination of planning
30 efforts in alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health treatment
31 services.

1 (7) Include alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health
2 services as a component of the integrated service delivery
3 system of the Department of Children Health and Family
4 ~~Rehabilitative~~ Services.

5 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 394.74, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 394.74 Contracts for provision of local alcohol, drug
8 abuse, and mental health programs.--

9 (2)(a) Contracts for service shall be consistent with
10 the approved district plan and the service priorities
11 established in s. 394.75(4).

12 (b) Notwithstanding s. 394.76(3)(a) and (c), the
13 department may use unit cost methods of payment in contracts
14 for purchasing mental health and substance abuse services
15 through June 30, 2000. The unit cost contracting system must
16 account for those patient fees that are paid on behalf of a
17 specific client and those that are earned and used by the
18 provider for those services funded in whole or in part by the
19 department.

20 (c) The department may reimburse actual expenditures
21 for start-up contracts and fixed capital outlay contracts in
22 accordance with contract specifications.

23 Section 3. Subsection (6) is added to section 394.78,
24 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

25 394.78 Operation and administration; personnel
26 standards; procedures for audit and monitoring of service
27 providers; resolution of disputes.--

28 (6) The department shall, by rule, establish standards
29 for contracting budgeting, methods of payment, and the
30 accounting of patient fees that are earned on behalf of a
31 specific client.

1 Section 4. The Department of Children and Family
2 Services is directed to propose statutory revisions to part IV
3 of chapter 394, Florida Statutes, pertaining to the overall
4 financing and contracting structure for publicly funded mental
5 health and substance abuse services. Other areas to be
6 reviewed for this statutory proposal are: priority population
7 groups for publicly funded mental health and substance abuse
8 services; a description of the comprehensive mental health and
9 substance abuse delivery systems; district mental health and
10 substance abuse needs assessment and planning activities; and
11 local government responsibilities for funding mental health
12 and substance abuse services. The department must convene a
13 workgroup to assist them in the development of these statutory
14 revisions. At a minimum, this workgroup must include two
15 persons who have knowledge and interest in mental health and
16 substance abuse services. The proposed statutory revisions
17 must be submitted to the Office of the Governor, the President
18 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
19 no later than December 1, 1999, for consideration by the
20 Legislature in 2000.

21 Section 5. Subsections (8), (9), and (10) are added to
22 section 397.419, Florida Statutes, to read:

23 397.419 Quality assurance programs.--

24 (8) The quality assurance program shall be implemented
25 as part of the department's contract management process. The
26 quality assurance program shall:

27 (a) Track performance measures and standards
28 established by the Legislature as part of the
29 performance-based program budgeting process;
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- 1 (b) Provide a framework for evaluating outcomes which
2 is separate from the performance-based program budgeting
3 process, including:
4 1. Output measures, such as capacities, technologies,
5 and infrastructure, that make up the system of care.
6 2. Process measures, such as administrative and
7 clinical components of treatment.
8 3. Outcome measures pertaining to the outcomes of
9 services;
10 (c) Provide for a system of analyzing those factors
11 which have an effect on performance at the local level;
12 (d) Provide for a system of reporting the results of
13 quality assurance reviews; and
14 (e) Incorporate best practice models for use in
15 improving performance in those areas which are deficient.
16 (9) The quality assurance program shall incorporate a
17 peer review process into its protocol, to include:
18 (a) Reviews of providers by departmental district
19 staff and other providers.
20 (b) Reviews of individual districts by other
21 districts.
22 (10) Contingent upon specific appropriation, a quality
23 assurance coordinator position shall be established within
24 each service district to oversee the implementation and
25 operation of the quality assurance program.

26 Section 6. Part X of chapter 397, Florida Statutes, is
27 retitled to read:
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29 PART X

30 JUVENILE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND
31 CHILDREN'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

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Section 7. Section 397.92, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

397.92 Children's substance abuse services system; goals.--

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the children's substance abuse services system achieve the following performance outcomes for children who are eligible for services:

(a) Identification of the presenting problems and conditions of substance abuse through the use of valid assessment.

(b) Improvement in the child's ability to function in the family with minimum supports.

(c) Improvement in the child's ability to function in school with minimum supports.

(d) Improvement in the child's ability to function in the community with minimum supports.

(e) Improvement in the child's ability to live drug-free.

(f) Reduction of behaviors and conditions that may be linked to substance abuse, such as unintended pregnancy, delinquency, sexually transmitted diseases, and smoking, and other negative behaviors.

(g) Increased return of children in state custody, drug-free, to their homes, or the placement of such children, drug-free, in an appropriate setting.

(2) Pursuant to s. 216.0166, the department shall annually develop performance outcomes and performance measures to assess the performance of the children's substance abuse services system in achieving the intent of this section.

1 Section 8. Section 397.93, Florida Statutes, is
2 created to read:

3 397.93 Children's substance abuse services; target
4 populations.--The target populations for children's substance
5 abuse services are children at risk for substance abuse and
6 children with substance abuse problems.

7 (1) Children at risk for substance abuse include:

8 (a) Children who are at risk due to regular or
9 periodic exposure to negative factors related to family,
10 community, school, self, or peers. Children in this category
11 are typically placed in special prevention programs which are
12 often school-based and which emphasize the importance of
13 protective factors to reduce risk.

14 (b) Children who are at risk due to experimental and
15 social use of substances. Children in this category are
16 typically placed in early intervention programs which may
17 occur in the community or school.

18 (2) Children with substance abuse problems include:

19 (a) Children who use substances on a daily, weekly, or
20 monthly basis. Children in this category typically need
21 outpatient counseling and in some cases more structured day or
22 night treatment.

23 (b) Children with a substance dependency or addiction.
24 Children in this category typically need structured day or
25 night treatment or more intensive and longer term residential
26 treatment, with some severe cases initially in need of
27 detoxification and stabilization.

28 Section 9. Section 397.94, Florida Statutes, is
29 created to read:

30 397.94 Children's substance abuse services;
31 information and referral network.--

1 (1) Each service district of the department shall
2 develop a plan for and implement a districtwide comprehensive
3 children's substance abuse information and referral network to
4 be operational by July 1, 2000.

5 (2) In order to ensure access and appropriate
6 referral, the network shall be incorporated into the
7 district's child and adolescent mental health information and
8 referral network provided for under s. 394.4985 and, by July
9 1, 2000, renamed the referral network the children's substance
10 abuse and mental health information and referral network.

11 Districts shall submit a plan to the secretary of the
12 department regarding the integration of the substance abuse
13 services information and referral network with the child and
14 adolescent mental health information and referral network no
15 later than December 1, 1999.

16 (3) The district shall determine the most
17 cost-effective method for delivering this service and may
18 select a new provider or utilize an existing provider or
19 providers with a record of success in providing information
20 and referral services.

21 (a) Districts shall submit the plan to the secretary
22 of the department no later than October 1, 1999.

23 (b) The plan must provide assurances that the
24 information and referral network will include a resource
25 directory that contains information regarding the children's
26 substance abuse services available, including, but not limited
27 to:

28 1. Public and private resources by service component,
29 including resources for involuntary admissions under s.
30 397.675.

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1 2. Hours of operation and hours during which services
2 are provided.

3 3. Ages of persons served.

4 4. Description of services.

5 5. Eligibility requirements.

6 6. Fee schedules.

7 (c) Maintain and annually update information regarding
8 private practitioners in the community who provide substance
9 abuse services to children.

10 (d) Develop and implement procedures for documenting
11 requests for services, including, but not limited to:

12 1. Number of calls by type of service requested, if
13 any;

14 2. Ages of children for whom services are requested;
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16 3. Disposition on all referrals, including location of
17 resource if referred for face-to-face screening.

18 (e) Develop and implement procedures for sharing
19 information with participating community agencies and
20 resources.

21 (4) In planning the information and referral network,
22 the district shall consider the establishment of a 24-hour
23 toll-free telephone number to call for information and a
24 public service campaign to inform the public about the
25 information and referral service.

26 Section 10. Section 397.95, Florida Statutes, is
27 created to read:

28 397.95 Children's substance abuse services; services
29 provided by licensed providers.--Each service district of the
30 department shall ensure that all screening, intake,
31 assessment, enrollment, service planning, and case management

1 services provided under this part are provided by children's
2 substance abuse services providers licensed under part II and
3 in accordance with standards set forth in department rules.

4 Section 11. Section 397.951, Florida Statutes, is
5 created to read:

6 397.951 Treatment and sanctions.--The Legislature
7 recognizes that the integration of treatment and sanctions
8 greatly increases the effectiveness of substance abuse
9 treatment. It is the responsibility of the department and the
10 substance abuse treatment provider to employ the full measure
11 of sanctions available to require participation and completion
12 of treatment to ensure successful outcomes for children in
13 substance abuse treatment.

14 (1) Pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the
15 department shall ensure that substance abuse treatment
16 providers develop and manage treatment plans that are
17 appropriate to the severity of the substance abuse problem and
18 tailored to the individual needs of the child.

19 (2) The department shall ensure that substance abuse
20 treatment providers employ any and all appropriate available
21 sanctions necessary to engage, motivate, and maintain a child
22 in treatment, including, but not limited to, provisions in law
23 that:

24 (a) Provide for parental participation in treatment
25 for involuntary admission to treatment, as provided in part IV
26 of this chapter.

27 (b) Provide for law enforcement authorities to assume
28 custody of a child who is substance abuse impaired and allow
29 placement of a child into the care of a hospital, substance
30 abuse detoxification facility, or addiction receiving
31 facility, as specified in part V of this chapter.

1 (c) Provide parental authority to involuntarily admit
2 a child for assessment to an addiction receiving facility, as
3 specified in part V of this chapter.

4 (d) Provide parents and substance abuse providers with
5 civil involuntary procedures to secure court-ordered
6 assessment and treatment for children, as specified in part V
7 of this chapter.

8 (e) Authorize the court or any criminal justice
9 authority with jurisdiction over a child charged or convicted
10 of a crime to require that the delinquent or offender receive
11 substance abuse services under part VII of this chapter.

12 (f) Provide authority of the court and contempt powers
13 to require parental participation in the treatment of a
14 delinquent or offender pursuant to s. 397.706.

15 (g) Authorize the court to mandate services for
16 children and their families in dependency proceedings under
17 chapter 39, and children and families in need of services
18 under chapter 984.

19 (h) Provide that the use, possession, or sale of
20 controlled substances, as defined in chapter 893, or
21 possession of electronic telephone pagers, by any student
22 while such student is upon school property or in attendance at
23 a school function is grounds for disciplinary action by the
24 school and may also result in criminal penalties being imposed
25 pursuant to s. 232.26.

26 (i) Provide that, pursuant to s. 322.056, for any
27 person under 18 years of age who is found guilty of or
28 delinquent for a violation of s. 562.11(2), s. 562.111, or
29 chapter 893, and is eligible by reason of age for a driver's
30 license or driving privilege, the court shall direct the
31 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to revoke or

1 to withhold issuance of his or her driver's license or driving
2 privilege for a period of:
3 1. Not less than 6 months and not more than 1 year for
4 the first violation.
5 2. Two years, for a subsequent violation.
6 Section 12. Section 397.96, Florida Statutes, is
7 created to read:
8 397.96 Case management for complex substance abuse
9 cases.--
10 (1) Contingent upon specific appropriations, it is the
11 intent of the Legislature to provide for a more intensive
12 level of case management for complex cases involving children
13 who need substance abuse services. Such services shall be
14 directed toward children receiving services from several
15 agencies or programs to address the complex problems created
16 by substance abuse, dependency, or addiction.
17 (2) The department shall determine when a child
18 receiving children's substance abuse services under this part
19 shall have a case manager.
20 (3) For the purposes of this section, "case
21 management" means those activities aimed at:
22 (a) Implementing a treatment plan;
23 (b) Advocacy;
24 (c) Linking services providers to a child and family;
25 (d) Monitoring services delivery; and
26 (e) Collecting information to determine the effect of
27 services and treatment.
28 (4) The case manager shall periodically review
29 services utilization to ascertain compliance with plans
30 approved by the planning team.
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1 (5) The department shall establish by rule standards
2 to coordinate case management activities from various referral
3 points, in order to minimize fragmentation and duplication and
4 promote stability of case managers assigned to a child and
5 family. In the attempt to minimize duplication, it is the
6 intent of the Legislature that a child have no more than one
7 case manager.

8 Section 13. Section 397.97, Florida Statutes, is
9 created to read:

10 397.97 Children's substance abuse services;
11 demonstration models.--

12 (1) CREATION; PURPOSE.--There is created the
13 Children's Network of Care Demonstration Models to operate,
14 for 4 years, for children who are at risk of substance abuse
15 or who have substance abuse problems. The purpose of the
16 demonstration models is to encourage collaboration among the
17 department, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the
18 Department of Education, the Department of Health, the
19 Department of Juvenile Justice, local government agencies, and
20 any other interested party, through a partnership agreement
21 entered into to provide a locally organized network of care
22 for children and their families. The demonstration models
23 must:

- 24 (a) Be implemented using existing funds;
25 (b) Center on the child and his or her family;
26 (c) Promote integration and coordination of services;
27 (d) Provide for accountable outcomes; and
28 (e) Emphasize the provision of services in the least
29 restrictive, most appropriate setting, utilizing uniform
30 placement criteria established in rule of the department.
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1 (2) GOAL.--The goal of the Children's Network of Care
2 Demonstration Models is to create an effective interagency
3 strategy for delivering substance abuse services to the target
4 populations through a local network of service providers. The
5 specific objectives of this strategy are to:

6 (a) Develop standardized forms and uniform procedures
7 which shall be used for screening, intake, assessment,
8 enrollment, service planning, case management, and utilization
9 management;

10 (b) Eliminate duplication of services;

11 (c) Employ natural supports in the family and the
12 community to help meet the service needs of the child who is
13 at risk of substance abuse or has a substance abuse problem;

14 (d) Improve interagency planning efforts through
15 greater collaboration between public and private
16 community-based agencies;

17 (e) Test creative and flexible strategies for
18 financing the care of children who are at risk of substance
19 abuse or have a substance abuse problem; and

20 (f) Share information about the child with appropriate
21 community agencies.

22 (3) PURCHASE OF SERVICES; OPERATION CRITERIA.--

23 (a) Each demonstration model shall be governed by a
24 multiagency consortium of state and county agencies or other
25 public agencies, or a community-based, not-for-profit
26 substance abuse or behavioral health network designated by the
27 department, hereafter referred to as the purchasing agent,
28 which shall purchase individualized services for children who
29 are at risk of substance abuse or have a substance abuse
30 problem. Services shall be based on client need rather than on
31 traditional services limited to narrowly defined cost centers

1 or appropriations categories. Approval to operate as a
2 Children's Network of Care Demonstration Model shall be given
3 by the secretary of the department and shall be based on
4 criteria developed by the department.

5 (b) The local purchasing agent is responsible for
6 designing a well-defined network of experienced substance
7 abuse services providers. At a minimum, the consortium shall:

8 1. Specify the capacity and composition of the
9 provider network;

10 2. Approve providers for the network;

11 3. Ensure enrollees' access to network services;

12 4. Subcontract with providers;

13 5. Establish qualification standards for provider
14 staff; and

15 6. Monitor providers' performance.

16 (4) COLLABORATION.--Demonstration models established
17 under this section may enter into collaborative partnership
18 with demonstration models established pursuant to s. 394.498.

19 Section 14. Section 397.98, Florida Statutes, is
20 created to read:

21 397.98 Children's substance abuse services;
22 utilization management.--

23 (1) Utilization management shall be an integral part
24 of each Children's Network of Care Demonstration Model as
25 described under s. 397.97. The utilization management process
26 shall include procedures for analyzing the allocation and use
27 of resources by the purchasing agent. Such procedures shall
28 include:

29 (a) Monitoring the appropriateness of admissions to
30 residential services or other levels of care as determined by
31 the department.

- 1 (b) Monitoring the duration of care.
2 (c) Developing profiles of network providers which
3 describe their patterns of delivering care.
4 (d) Authorizing care for high-cost services.
5 (2) The procedures shall be established by the
6 purchasing agent in consultation with the department and are
7 subject to approval by the secretary of the department. The
8 implementation of utilization management within the
9 demonstration models shall be contingent upon the availability
10 of funds.

11 Section 15. Section 397.99, Florida Statutes, is
12 created to read:

13 397.99 School substance abuse prevention partnership
14 grants.--

15 (1) GRANT PROGRAM.--

16 (a) In order to encourage the development of effective
17 substance abuse prevention and early intervention strategies
18 for school-age populations, the school substance abuse
19 prevention partnership grant program is established.

20 (b) The department shall administer the program in
21 cooperation with the Department of Education and the
22 Department of Juvenile Justice.

23 (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES; FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.--

24 (a) Schools, or community-based organizations in
25 partnership with schools, may submit a grant proposal for
26 funding or continued funding to the department by March 1 of
27 each year. The department shall establish grant application
28 procedures which ensure that grant recipients implement
29 programs and practices that are effective. The department
30 shall include the grant application document on an Internet
31 website.

1 (b) Grants may fund programs to conduct prevention
2 activities serving students who are not involved in substance
3 use, intervention activities serving students who are
4 experimenting with substance use, or both prevention and
5 intervention activities, if a comprehensive approach is
6 indicated as a result of a needs assessment.

7 (c) Grants may target youth, parents, and teachers and
8 other school staff, coaches, social workers, case managers,
9 and other prevention stakeholders.

10 (d) Performance measures for grant program activities
11 shall measure improvements in student attitudes or behaviors
12 as determined by the department.

13 (e) At least 50 percent of the grant funds available
14 for local projects must be allocated to support the
15 replication of prevention programs and practices that are
16 based on research and have been evaluated and proven
17 effective. The department shall develop related qualifying
18 criteria.

19 (f) In order to be considered for funding, the grant
20 application shall include the following assurances and
21 information:

22 1. A letter from the administrators of the programs
23 collaborating on the project, such as the school principal,
24 community-based organization executive director, or recreation
25 department director, confirming that the grant application has
26 been reviewed and that each partner is committed to supporting
27 implementation of the activities described in the grant
28 proposal.

29 2. A rationale and description of the program and the
30 services to be provided, including:

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- 1 a. An analysis of prevention issues related to the
2 substance abuse prevention profile of the target population.
- 3 b. A description of other primary substance use and
4 related risk factors.
- 5 c. Goals and objectives based on the findings of the
6 needs assessment.
- 7 d. The selection of programs or strategies that have
8 been shown to be effective in addressing the findings of the
9 needs assessment.
- 10 e. A method of identifying the target group for
11 universal prevention strategies, and a method for identifying
12 the individual student participants in selected and indicated
13 prevention strategies.
- 14 f. A description of how students will be targeted.
- 15 g. Provisions for the participation of parents and
16 guardians in the program.
- 17 h. An evaluation component to measure the
18 effectiveness of the program in accordance with
19 performance-based program budgeting effectiveness measures.
- 20 i. A program budget, which includes the amount and
21 sources of local cash and in-kind resources committed to the
22 budget and which establishes, to the satisfaction of the
23 department, that the entity will make a cash or in-kind
24 contribution to the program of a value that is at least 25
25 percent of the amount of the grant.
- 26 (g) The department shall consider the following in
27 awarding such grants:
- 28 1. The number of youths that will be targeted.
- 29 2. The validity of the program design to achieve
30 project goals and objectives that are clearly related to
31 performance-based program budgeting effectiveness measures.

1 3. The desirability of funding at least one approved
2 project in each of the department's service districts.

3 (3) The department shall coordinate the review of
4 grant applications with the Department of Education and the
5 Department of Juvenile Justice and shall make award
6 determinations no later than June 30 of each year. All
7 applicants shall be notified by the department of its final
8 action.

9 (4) Each entity that is awarded a grant as provided
10 for in this section shall submit performance and output
11 information as determined by the department.

12 (5) The department shall establish rules as necessary
13 to implement this section.

14 Section 16. Section 397.997, Florida Statutes, is
15 created to read:

16 397.997 Prevention resources; Internet website.--

17 (1) The department shall develop a publicly available
18 substance abuse prevention Internet website. The information
19 on the Internet website shall target youth and their parents,
20 teachers, and other stakeholders.

21 (2) The Internet website shall incorporate, at a
22 minimum, the following components:

23 (a) The nature of Florida's current youth alcohol,
24 tobacco, and other drug use concerns;

25 (b) The health, social, and legal effects of alcohol,
26 tobacco, and other drug use on individuals, families, schools,
27 and the economy;

28 (c) National, state, and local substance abuse
29 prevention and treatment resources; and

30 (d) Classroom, home, and individual instructional
31 activities and games geared to teach targeted youth about the

1 harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, or other drug use,
2 refusal and other prevention skills, and how to get help for
3 someone using drugs.

4 Section 17. Section 397.998, Florida Statutes, is
5 created to read:

6 397.998 Drug-free communities support match grants.--

7 (1) PURPOSE.--The purposes of drug-free communities
8 match grants are to:

9 (a) Assist community coalitions in an effort to secure
10 federal drug-free communities support program grants under
11 Pub. L. No. 105-20.

12 (b) Reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time,
13 to reduce substance abuse among adults.

14 (c) Enable community coalitions to strengthen
15 collaboration efforts among public and private agencies to
16 reduce substance abuse among youth.

17 (2) APPLICATION PROCESS.--

18 (a) Contingent upon specific appropriations, the
19 department shall establish a program to provide drug-free
20 communities match grants.

21 (b) The grants shall be used for all or part of the
22 match required for community coalitions to secure a federal
23 drug-free communities support program grant.

24 (3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.--

25 (a) Community coalitions whose members have worked
26 together on substance abuse reduction initiatives for a period
27 of not less than 6 months are eligible to apply for match
28 grant funds.

29 (b) The coalition must represent the targeted
30 community and include at least one representative of each of
31 the following groups: local Department of Children and Family

1 Services official; youth; parents; business community; media;
2 schools; organizations serving youth; law enforcement
3 agencies; religious or fraternal organizations; civic and
4 volunteer groups; health care professionals; other local or
5 tribal governmental agencies with an expertise in the field of
6 substance abuse, including, if applicable, the state authority
7 with primary authority for substance abuse; and other
8 organizations involved in reducing substance abuse.

9 (c) To demonstrate that the coalition meets the stated
10 criteria, the applicant must submit examples or formal
11 agreements, such as memorandums of understanding, previous
12 newsletters or publications, or other examples of print media
13 coverage that are dated within 6 months prior to submittal of
14 the application.

15 (4) RELEASE OF FUNDS.--Match grant funds shall be
16 released as required by federal regulations to community
17 coalitions upon documentation that a community coalition has
18 been awarded a drug-free communities support program grant.

19 (5) IN-KIND MATCH.--The department may provide other
20 in-kind services or goods allowed by federal regulations in
21 lieu of money, to achieve the purpose of this section.

22 (6) RULES.--The department is authorized to adopt
23 rules specifically to address procedures necessary to
24 administer the drug-free communities match grants as provided
25 in this section.

26 Section 18. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.
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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services to use unit cost methods of payment for mental health and substance abuse services. Requires the department to establish certain contract, payments, and accounting standards. Directs the department to convene a workgroup to develop statutory revisions relating to community alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health services. Requires a report to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 1999. Provides requirements for a substance abuse services quality assurance program. Provides for district quality assurance coordinators if specific appropriation is required. Provides for establishment of a children's substance abuse services system to provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services to children at risk for substance abuse and children with substance abuse problems. Requires each departmental service district to implement a comprehensive districtwide children's substance abuse information and referral network by July 1, 2000. Provides for integration of treatment and sanctions. Provides for the 4-year operation of Children's Network of Care Demonstration Models in which state and local agencies collaborate to deliver substance abuse services to local target populations through locally organized networks of care. Provides for purchase of services and provides criteria for operation of the demonstration models. Establishes a program for award of school substance abuse prevention partnership grants to be administered by the department in cooperation with the Departments of Education and Juvenile Justice. Provides grant application procedures, and requirements for funding and operation of programs awarded grants. Directs the department to develop a publicly available substance abuse prevention Internet website. Directs the department to establish a program to provide drug-free communities support match grants, if specific appropriations are provided. (See bill for details.)