

By the Committee on Appropriations and Senator Mitchell

309-1562-01

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to mental health; directing the  
3           Department of Children and Family Services to  
4           develop and implement a pilot project to  
5           provide client-directed and choice-based mental  
6           health treatment and support services to  
7           certain adults; requiring an independent  
8           evaluation; providing evaluation criteria;  
9           requiring reports; providing an appropriation;  
10          providing for expiration; providing an  
11          effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. (1) The Department of Children and Family  
16 Services shall develop a client-directed and choice-based  
17 pilot project in district 4 to provide mental health treatment  
18 and support services to adults who have a serious mental  
19 illness. The project shall test a payment model in which each  
20 client controls the money that is available for that client's  
21 mental health treatment and support services. The project  
22 shall be evaluated by an independent entity whose evaluation  
23 must include an assessment of:

24           (a) The criteria for selecting adult mental health  
25 clients with serious mental illness eligible for participation  
26 in the project.

27           (b) The duties and responsibilities of the care  
28 coordinator.

29           (c) The accessibility and quality of services provided  
30 under the project by available community-based providers

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1 selected by the client, compared to those services that are  
2 available without the project.

3 (d) The input by the clients in the development of  
4 treatment plans compared to other clients not participating in  
5 the project.

6 (e) The achievement of individual treatment goals or  
7 outcome measures established for each client participating in  
8 the project compared to other mental health clients.

9 (f) Any demonstrated improvements or cost savings in  
10 the delivery of community-based mental health treatment and  
11 support services, including an explanation of the analyses  
12 used in determining cost savings.

13 (g) All monitoring and oversight conducted by the  
14 Department of Children and Family Services or the Agency for  
15 Health Care Administration.

16 (h) Any existing or appointed local advisory group  
17 assisting in the design and implementation of the project.

18 (2) The Department of Children and Family Services  
19 shall submit a report concerning the progress of the project  
20 to the appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 2002,  
21 and December 1, 2003.

22 (3) This section expires July 1, 2004.

23 Section 2. The sum of \$470,000 is appropriated for  
24 Fiscal Year 2001-2002 from the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental  
25 Health Trust Fund in the Department of Children and Family  
26 Services for the purpose of implementing this act.

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
28 law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 682

Reduces the appropriations to \$470,000 and appropriates them  
from the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Trust Fund.