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See HB 821

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to substance abuse and mental
3 health programs; amending s. 394.74, F.S.;
4 deleting authority of the Department of
5 Children and Family Services to use unit cost
6 methods of payment in contracts for the
7 provision of services for local substance abuse
8 and mental health programs; specifying
9 additional requirements relating to such
10 contracts; requiring reports to the
11 Legislature; providing an 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. Subsection (2) of section 394.74, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended, present subsections (4) and (5) of that
17 section are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6),
18 respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to that
19 section, to read:

20 394.74 Contracts for provision of local substance
21 abuse and mental health programs.--

22 (2)(a) Contracts for service shall be consistent with
23 the approved district plan.

24 ~~(b) Notwithstanding s. 394.76(3)(a) and (c), the~~
25 ~~department may use unit cost methods of payment in contracts~~
26 ~~for purchasing mental health and substance abuse services. The~~
27 ~~unit cost contracting system must account for those patient~~
28 ~~fees that are paid on behalf of a specific client and those~~
29 ~~that are earned and used by the provider for those services~~
30 ~~funded in whole or in part by the department.~~

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1 ~~(b)(c)~~ The department may reimburse actual
2 expenditures for startup contracts and fixed capital outlay
3 contracts in accordance with contract specifications.

4 (4) Within existing statewide or district resources,
5 the department shall:

6 (a) Utilize multiyear contracts for large and
7 established provider agencies.

8 (b) Require that contract funds be tied to individual
9 client treatment or service plans and clinical status.

10 (c) Require that contract renewal be based primarily
11 on customer and community satisfaction with services.

12 (d) Privatize the preparation and ongoing
13 administration of contracts to allow for competitive
14 business-sector expertise to guide and shape day-to-day
15 management activities.

16 (e) Incorporate clinical care criteria, including
17 evidence-based models and standards of care, into all existing
18 and new contracts.

19 (f) Utilize electronic formats for all initial
20 contract material and subsequent revisions or amendments, to
21 include electronic signatures.

22 (g) Utilize existing database and financial software,
23 in conjunction with Internet technology, to simplify and
24 expedite contract data collection and reimbursement.

25 (h) Establish a district-level community contract
26 advisory board, consisting of legal and business
27 professionals, to provide input and recommendations regarding
28 recruitment, selection, and retention of the most efficient
29 and viable vendors.

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