

By Senator Clary

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to developmental disabilities;  
3           providing for the Developmental Disabilities  
4           Program of the Department of Children and  
5           Family Services to form a task force; providing  
6           that the task force is to develop policies and  
7           procedures for implementing a  
8           consumer-directed, choice-based system of  
9           services for clients of the program; providing  
10          for the department to implement pilot projects;  
11          requiring the department to report to  
12          legislative leaders on providing statewide  
13          services under such a system; providing an  
14          effective date.

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

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18           Section 1. Developmental disabilities task force;  
19 purposes; pilot programs; report.--

20           (1) By September 1, 2002, the Developmental  
21 Disabilities Program of the Department of Children and Family  
22 Services shall establish a task force of key stakeholders,  
23 including clients, family members, advocates, and service  
24 providers, that shall develop policies and procedures  
25 necessary for the implementation of an equitably funded,  
26 consumer-directed, choice-based system of services for clients  
27 receiving services through the Developmental Disabilities  
28 Program, Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver.

29           (2) On September 1, 2003, the department shall  
30 implement this system in at least four districts or regions  
31 selected by the department.

1           (3) By January 1, 2003, the department shall present  
2 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives an operational plan and a proposed budget for  
4 providing statewide services under such a consumer-directed,  
5 choice-based system.

6           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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9           SENATE SUMMARY

10          Provides for the Developmental Disabilities Program of  
11          the Department of Children and Family Services to form a  
12          task force that will develop policies and procedures for  
13          implementing a consumer-directed, choice-based system of  
14          services for clients of the program. Provides for the  
15          department to implement at least four pilot projects.  
16          Requires the department to report to legislative leaders  
17          on providing statewide services under such a system.