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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to mental health; amending s. 1 of ch. 2001-152, Laws of Florida; directing the Department of Children and Family Services to expand the district 4 mental health pilot project; providing for a client-directed and recovery-based mental health program; expanding services to children; providing for administration by the Institute for Health and Human Services at Florida State University; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 2001-152, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 1. (1) The Department of Children and Family Services shall expand the ~~develop a~~ client-directed and recovery-based program known as Florida Self-Directed Care ~~choice-based pilot project~~ in district 4 to provide mental health treatment and support services to adults who have a serious mental illness and mental health and support services to children with serious mental disturbance, children with emotional disturbance, and children at risk of emotional disturbance. The program shall continue to be based upon voluntary participation by clients and ~~project shall continue to~~ test a payment model in which each client controls the money that is available for that client's mental health treatment and support services. The program ~~project shall be evaluated by an independent entity whose~~ evaluation must include an assessment of:



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31 (a) The criteria for selecting adult mental health clients
32 with serious mental illness eligible for participation in the
33 program project.

34 (b) The criteria for selecting child mental health clients
35 with serious mental disturbance, child mental health clients
36 with emotional disturbance, and child mental health clients at
37 risk of emotional disturbance for participation in the program.

38 (c)~~(b)~~ The duties and responsibilities of the system
39 guides care coordinator.

40 (d)~~(e)~~ The accessibility and quality of services provided
41 under the program project by available community-based providers
42 selected by the client, compared to those services that are
43 available without the program project.

44 (e)~~(d)~~ The input by the clients in the development of
45 service and treatment plans compared to other clients not
46 participating in the program project.

47 (f)~~(e)~~ The achievement of individual treatment goals or
48 outcome measures established for each client participating in
49 the program project compared to other ~~mental health~~ clients.

50 (g)~~(f)~~ Any demonstrated improvements or cost savings in
51 the delivery of community-based mental health treatment and
52 support services, including an explanation of the analyses used
53 in determining cost savings.

54 (h)~~(g)~~ All monitoring and oversight conducted by the
55 Department of Children and Family Services or the Agency for
56 Health Care Administration.

57 (i)~~(h)~~ Any existing or appointed local advisory group
58 assisting in the design and implementation of the program
59 project.

60 (2) The program shall be administered by the Institute for



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61 Health and Human Services at Florida State University. The
 62 program director is authorized to expend the funds as necessary
 63 to maintain the established integrity and intent of the program,
 64 to include the purchase of services for clients, program staff
 65 employment and retention, and program evaluation. The purchase
 66 of services for clients shall be conducted in accordance with
 67 the self-identified needs of each client as those needs
 68 specifically relate to recovery from mental illness for adults
 69 and recovery from behavioral and emotional disturbances for
 70 children. The services shall include, but not be limited to,
 71 those services defined by the Department of Children and Family
 72 Services Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program Central
 73 Offices. The Institute for Health and Human Services at Florida
 74 State University shall continue development of this program in
 75 cooperation with the Department of Children and Family Services
 76 Mental Health Program Office.

77 (3)-(2) The Institute for Health and Human Services at
 78 Florida State University Department of Children and Family
 79 Services shall submit a report concerning the progress of the
 80 program project to the appropriate legislative committees
 81 annually on December 1 by December 1, 2002, and December 1,
 82 2003. This report shall contain a detailed strategic plan for
 83 statewide implementation of this client-directed, recovery-based
 84 program in collaboration with the Department of Children and
 85 Family Services Mental Health Program Office and the Agency for
 86 Health Care Administration.

87 ~~(3) This section expires July 1, 2004.~~

88 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated for fiscal year
 89 2003-2004 from the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Trust
 90 Fund in the Department of Children and Family Services to the



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91 Institute for Health and Human Services at Florida State
92 University the sum of \$470,000 for the purpose of implementing
93 the provisions of this act. The Department of Children and
94 Family Services district 4 shall make available no more than
95 \$500,000 of general revenue funds allocated to district 4 for
96 fiscal year 2003-2004 for the purchase of client services.

97 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.