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CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Future of Florida's Families recommends the following:

Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

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; allowing for expansion of the program to provide services to children; providing that the department shall contract for administration of the program; providing for funding; 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 may expand the ~~shall develop a~~ client-directed and recovery-based program known as Florida Self-Directed Care



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29 ~~choice-based pilot project~~ in district 4 to provide mental
30 health treatment and support services to adults who have a
31 serious mental illness. After the program has enrolled all of
32 the eligible adults, the department may expand the self-directed
33 care mental health and support services program to children with
34 serious mental disturbance, children with emotional disturbance,
35 and children at risk of emotional disturbance. Participation in
36 the program shall continue to be voluntary and the program The
37 ~~project~~ shall continue to test a payment model in which each
38 client controls the money that is available for that client's
39 mental health treatment and support services. The program
40 ~~project shall be evaluated by an independent entity whose~~
41 evaluation must include an assessment of:

42 (a) The criteria for selecting adult mental health clients
43 with serious mental illness eligible for participation in the
44 program ~~project~~.

45 (b) The criteria for selecting child mental health clients
46 with serious mental disturbance, child mental health clients
47 with emotional disturbance, and child mental health clients at
48 risk of emotional disturbance for participation in the program.

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

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



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

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

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

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

68 ~~(i)(h)~~ Any existing or appointed local advisory group
69 assisting in the design and implementation of the program
70 ~~project~~.

71 (2) The department shall contract for the administration
72 of the program. The contract shall specify that the program
73 director is authorized to expend the funds as necessary to
74 maintain the established integrity and intent of the program, to
75 include the purchase of services for clients and program staff
76 employment and retention. The purchase of services for clients
77 shall be conducted in accordance with the self-identified needs
78 of each client as those needs specifically relate to recovery
79 from mental illness for adults and recovery from behavioral and
80 emotional disturbances for children. The services shall include,
81 but not be limited to, those services defined by the Department



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82 of Children and Family Services Mental Health and Substance
83 Abuse Program Central Offices.

84 (3)(2) The Department of Children and Family Services
85 shall submit a report concerning the progress of the program
86 ~~project~~ to the appropriate legislative committees annually on
87 December 1 ~~by December 1, 2002, and December 1, 2003.~~ This
88 report shall contain a detailed strategic plan for statewide
89 implementation of client-directed, recovery-based services.

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

91 Section 2. The Department of Children and Family Services
92 district 4 shall make available no more than \$500,000 of general
93 revenue funds allocated to district 4 for fiscal year 2003-2004
94 for the purchase of client services.

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