

By Senator Lynn

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Department of Children  
3           and Family Services; expressing the legislative  
4           intent to transfer the Mental Health Program  
5           within the department to the Department of  
6           Health, to transfer programs for children and  
7           families in need of services from the  
8           Department of Juvenile Justice to the  
9           department, and to direct the evaluation of the  
10          transfer of certain other programs; providing  
11          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. (1) The Legislature intends to transfer  
16 the Mental Health Program within the Department of Children  
17 and Family Services to the Department of Health, and to  
18 transfer all children-in-need-of-services programs and  
19 families-in-need-of-services programs within the Department of  
20 Juvenile Justice to the Department of Children and Family  
21 Services, effective January 1, 2004.

22           (2) The Legislature intends to direct the Office of  
23 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to  
24 evaluate the transfer of the Substance Abuse Program and the  
25 Developmental Disabilities Program to the Department of  
26 Health; to assess the effect of such transfer on each program,  
27 the Department of Health, and the remaining programs within  
28 the Department of Children and Family Services; and to report  
29 its findings to the Legislature by December 31, 2003.

30           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
31 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Expresses the legislative intent to transfer the Mental Health Program within the Department of Children and Family Services to the Department of Health, to transfer programs for children and families in need of services from the Department of Juvenile Justice to the department, and to direct the evaluation of the transfer of certain other programs.