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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to juvenile psychotropic studies; creating the Center for Juvenile Psychotropic Studies within the Department of Psychiatry of the College of Medicine of the University of Florida; providing a purpose; creating an advisory board; providing the criteria for the board's membership; providing for appointment of a director; requiring the center to work with certain agencies; requiring such agencies to provide certain data relating to certain dependent minors; requiring the center to report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; providing for future repeal and abolition of the center; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. (1) The Center for Juvenile Psychotropic Studies is established within the Department of Psychiatry of the College of Medicine of the University of Florida for the purpose of collecting, tracking, and assessing information regarding dependent minors in state custody who have been or are currently being prescribed psychotropic medications.

(2) An advisory board is created to periodically and objectively review and advise the center on all actions taken pursuant to this act. The membership of the board shall consist of nine experts in psychiatric health, including the secretaries of the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Agency for Healthcare

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30 Administration, or their designees. The Governor, the President  
 31 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and  
 32 the President of the University of Florida shall each appoint  
 33 one member. The remaining members of the board shall be  
 34 appointed by the Florida Psychiatric Society.

35 (3) The center shall have a director who shall be  
 36 appointed by the Dean of the College of Medicine of the  
 37 University of Florida.

38 (4) The center shall work together with the Department of  
 39 Children and Family Services, the Department of Juvenile  
 40 Justice, and the Agency for Healthcare Administration, and, to  
 41 the extent allowed by the privacy requirements of existing  
 42 federal and state law, those agencies shall make available to  
 43 the center data regarding such dependent minors, including, but  
 44 not limited to:

45 (a) Demographic information.

46 (b) Family histories, including, but not limited to, their  
 47 involvement with the child welfare or juvenile justice system.

48 (c) Medical histories.

49 (d) All information regarding the medications prescribed  
 50 or administered, including, but not limited to, information  
 51 contained in the medication administration record of each minor.

52 (e) Practice patterns, licensure, and board certification  
 53 of prescribing physicians.

54 (5) By January 1, 2005, the center shall report its  
 55 findings and make recommendations to the President of the  
 56 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
 57 appropriate Senate and House committee chairs regarding

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58 psychotropic medications as prescribed to dependent minors in  
59 state custody.

60 (6) The center is abolished and this act is repealed July  
61 1, 2005.

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