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Senator Saunders moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 394.457, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.457 Operation and administration.--

(3) POWER TO CONTRACT.--The department may contract to provide, and be provided with, services and facilities in order to carry out its responsibilities under this part with the following agencies: public and private hospitals; receiving and treatment facilities; clinics; laboratories; departments, divisions, and other units of state government; the state colleges and universities; the community colleges; private colleges and universities; counties, municipalities, and any other governmental unit, including facilities of the United States Government; and any other public or private entity which provides or needs facilities or services. Baker Act funds for community inpatient, crisis stabilization,

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1 short-term residential treatment, and screening services must
2 be allocated to each county pursuant to the department's
3 funding allocation methodology. Notwithstanding the provisions
4 of s. 287.057(5)(f), contracts for community-based Baker Act
5 services for inpatient, crisis stabilization, short-term
6 residential treatment, and screening provided under this part,
7 other than those with other units of government, to be
8 provided for the department must be awarded using competitive
9 sealed bids when the county commission of the county receiving
10 the services makes a request to the department's district
11 office by January 15 of the contracting year. The district
12 shall not enter into a competitively bid contract under this
13 provision if such action will result in increases of state or
14 local expenditures for Baker Act services within the district.
15 Contracts for these Baker Act services using competitive
16 sealed bids will be effective for 3 years. ~~Services contracted~~
17 ~~for by the department may be reimbursed by the state at a rate~~
18 ~~up to 100 percent.~~ The department shall adopt rules
19 establishing minimum standards for such contracted services
20 and facilities and shall make periodic audits and inspections
21 to assure that the contracted services are provided and meet
22 the standards of the department.

23 Section 2. Section 394.908, Florida Statutes, is
24 amended to read:

25 394.908 Substance abuse and mental health funding
26 equity; distribution of appropriations.--In recognition of the
27 historical inequity ~~among service districts of the former~~
28 ~~Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services~~ in the
29 funding of substance abuse and mental health services for the
30 districts and region, and in order to rectify this inequity
31 and provide for equitable funding in the future throughout the

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1 state, the following funding process shall be used ~~adhered to~~:

2 (1) Funding thresholds for substance abuse and mental
3 health services in each of the current districts, statewide,
4 shall be established based on the current number of persons in
5 need per district of substance abuse and mental health
6 services, respectively.

7 (2) "Persons in need" means those persons who fit the
8 profile of the respective target populations and require
9 mental health or substance abuse services.

10 (3) ~~Seventy-five percent of~~ Any additional funding
11 beyond the 2005-2006 ~~1996-1997~~ fiscal year base appropriation
12 for alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health services shall be
13 allocated to districts for substance abuse and mental health
14 services based on:

15 (a) Epidemiological estimates of disabilities that
16 ~~which~~ apply to the respective target populations.

17 (b) A pro rata share distribution that ensures
18 districts below the statewide average funding level per person
19 in each target population of "persons in need" receive funding
20 necessary to achieve equity.

21 ~~(4) The remaining 25 percent shall be allocated based~~
22 ~~on the number of persons in need of substance abuse and mental~~
23 ~~health services per district without regard to current funding~~
24 ~~levels.~~

25 ~~(4)(5)~~ Target populations for persons in need shall be
26 displayed for each district and distributed concurrently with
27 the approved operating budget. The display by target
28 population shall show: The annual number of persons served
29 based on prior year actual numbers, the annual cost per person
30 served, ~~the number of persons served by service cost center,~~
31 and the estimated number of the total target population for

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1 persons in need.

2 ~~(5)(6)~~ The annual cost per person served shall be
3 defined as the total actual funding for each target population
4 divided by the number of persons served in the target
5 population for that year.

6 ~~(7) Commencing on July 1, 1998, all additional funding~~
7 ~~pursuant to this section shall be performance-based.~~

8 ~~(8) For fiscal year 2004-2005 only, and~~
9 ~~notwithstanding the provisions of this section, all new funds~~
10 ~~received in excess of fiscal year 2003-2004 recurring~~
11 ~~appropriations shall be allocated in accordance with the~~
12 ~~provisions of the General Appropriations Act; however, no~~
13 ~~district shall receive an allocation of recurring funds less~~
14 ~~than its initial approved operating budget, plus any~~
15 ~~distributions of lump sum appropriations or reductions in~~
16 ~~unfunded budget, for fiscal year 2003-2004. This subsection~~
17 ~~expires July 1, 2005.~~

18 Section 3. Subsection (10) of section 402.33, Florida
19 Statutes, is repealed.

20 Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 409.1671, Florida
21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22 409.1671 Foster care and related services;
23 outsourcing.--

24 ~~(7) The Florida Coalition for Children, Inc., in~~
25 ~~consultation with The department, shall develop a plan, in~~
26 consultation with the Florida Coalition for Children, Inc.,
27 ~~based on an independent actuarial study regarding the~~
28 long-term use and structure of a statewide community-based
29 care risk pool for the protection of eligible lead
30 community-based providers, their subcontractors, and providers
31 of other social services who contract directly with the

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1 | ~~department. The plan must also outline strategies to maximize~~
2 | ~~federal earnings as they relate to the community-based care~~
3 | ~~risk pool. At a minimum, the plan must allow for the use of~~
4 | ~~federal earnings received from child welfare programs to be~~
5 | ~~allocated to the community-based care risk pool by the~~
6 | ~~department, which earnings are determined by the department to~~
7 | ~~be in excess of the amount appropriated in the General~~
8 | ~~Appropriations Act. The plan must specify the necessary steps~~
9 | ~~to ensure the financial integrity and industry-standard risk~~
10 | ~~management practices of the community-based care risk pool and~~
11 | ~~the continued availability of funding from federal, state, and~~
12 | ~~local sources. The plan must also include recommendations that~~
13 | ~~permit the program to be available to entities of the~~
14 | ~~department providing child welfare services until full~~
15 | ~~conversion to community-based care takes place. The final plan~~
16 | ~~shall be submitted to the department and then to the Executive~~
17 | ~~Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Commission~~
18 | ~~for formal adoption before January 1, 2005. Upon approval of~~
19 | ~~the plan, the department may expend funds from the risk pool~~
20 | ~~pursuant to the provisions of the plan. by all parties, the~~
21 | ~~department shall issue an interest-free loan that is secured~~
22 | ~~by the cumulative contractual revenue of the community-based~~
23 | ~~care risk pool membership, and the amount of the loan shall~~
24 | ~~equal the amount appropriated by the Legislature for this~~
25 | ~~purpose. The plan shall provide for a governance structure~~
26 | ~~that assures the department the ability to oversee the~~
27 | ~~operation of the community-based care risk pool at least until~~
28 | ~~this loan is repaid in full.~~

29 | (a) The purposes for which the community-based care
30 | risk pool shall be used include, but are not limited to:

31 | 1. Significant changes in the number or composition of

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1 clients eligible to receive services.

2 2. Significant changes in the services that are
3 eligible for reimbursement.

4 3. Scheduled or unanticipated, but necessary, advances
5 to providers or other cash-flow issues.

6 4. Proposals to participate in optional Medicaid
7 services or other federal grant opportunities.

8 5. Appropriate incentive structures.

9 6. Continuity of care in the event of failure,
10 discontinuance of service, or financial misconduct by a lead
11 agency.

12 7. Payment for time-limited technical assistance and
13 consultation to lead agencies in the event of serious
14 performance or management problems.

15 8. Payment for meeting all traditional and
16 nontraditional insurance needs of eligible members.

17 9. Significant changes in the mix of available funds.

18 (b) After approval of the plan in the 2004-2005 fiscal
19 year and annually thereafter, the department may also request
20 in its annual legislative budget request, and the Governor may
21 recommend, that the funding necessary to carry out paragraph

22 (a) be appropriated to the department. ~~Subsequent funding of~~
23 ~~the community-based care risk pool shall be supported by~~
24 ~~premiums assessed to members of the community-based care risk~~
25 ~~pool on a recurring basis. The community-based care risk pool~~
26 ~~may invest and retain interest earned on these funds. In~~

27 addition, the department may transfer funds to the
28 community-based care risk pool as available in order to ensure
29 an adequate funding level if the fund is declared to be
30 insolvent and approval is granted by the Legislative Budget
31 Commission. ~~Such payments for insolvency shall be made only~~

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1 ~~after a determination is made by the department or its actuary~~
2 ~~that all participants in the community-based care risk pool~~
3 ~~are current in their payments of premiums and that assessments~~
4 ~~have been made at an actuarially sound level. Such payments by~~
5 ~~participants in the community-based care risk pool may not~~
6 ~~exceed reasonable industry standards, as determined by the~~
7 ~~actuary. Money from this fund may be used to match available~~
8 ~~federal dollars. Dividends or other payments, with the~~
9 ~~exception of legitimate claims, may not be paid to members of~~
10 ~~the community-based care risk pool until the loan issued by~~
11 ~~the department is repaid in full. Dividends or other payments,~~
12 ~~with the exception of legitimate claims and other purposes~~
13 ~~contained in the approved plan, may not be paid to members of~~
14 ~~the community-based care risk pool unless, at the time of~~
15 ~~distribution, the community-based care risk pool is deemed~~
16 ~~actuarially sound and solvent. Solvency shall be determined by~~
17 ~~an independent actuary contracted by the department. The plan~~
18 ~~shall be developed in consultation with the Office of~~
19 ~~Insurance Regulation.~~

20 1. Such funds shall constitute partial security for
21 contract performance by lead agencies and shall be used to
22 offset the need for a performance bond. ~~Subject to the~~
23 ~~approval of the plan, the community-based care risk pool shall~~
24 ~~be managed by the Florida Coalition for Children, Inc., or the~~
25 ~~designated contractors of the Florida Coalition for Children,~~
26 ~~Inc. Nonmembers of the community-based care risk pool may~~
27 ~~continue to contract with the department but must provide a~~
28 ~~letter of credit equal to one-twelfth of the annual contract~~
29 ~~amount in lieu of membership in the community-based care risk~~
30 ~~pool.~~

31 2. The department may separately require a bond to

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1 client services and for certain administrative
2 costs; amending s. 409.1671, F.S.; revising
3 provisions requiring that a statewide risk pool
4 be established for community-based providers,
5 their subcontractors, and providers of other
6 social services who contract with the
7 Department of Children and Family Services;
8 requiring that the department develop a plan,
9 in consultation with the Florida Coalition for
10 Children, Inc., regarding the long-term use and
11 structure of the risk pool; deleting certain
12 restrictions governing payments for insolvency;
13 authorizing the department to issue an
14 interest-free loan to the Florida Coalition for
15 Children, Inc.; providing an effective date.

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