

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to persons with developmental
 3 disabilities; requiring the Agency for Persons with
 4 Disabilities and the Agency for Health Care Administration
 5 to establish a pilot project for certain clients who are
 6 currently served through federal waivers for Medicaid home
 7 and community-based services and family and supported
 8 living services; providing requirements for the pilot
 9 project; requiring the Agency for Persons with
 10 Disabilities to submit a report to the Governor, the
 11 Legislature, and legislative committees; requiring
 12 legislative approval for further expansion; providing an
 13 effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Home and community-based waiver pilot
 18 project.--The Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the
 19 Agency for Health Care Administration shall make any changes in
 20 rule and to Medicaid waiver agreements with federal Medicaid
 21 authorities as are required in order to establish a 5-year pilot
 22 project that demonstrates strategies and methods for the
 23 provision of community-based care to clients with developmental
 24 disabilities who are currently served through Medicaid home and
 25 community-based services and family and supported living
 26 services. This project shall document increased client outcomes
 27 that are known to be associated with a valid needs assessment of
 28 client level of need, rate setting based on level of need, and

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29 encouragement of the use of community-centered services and
30 supports. The pilot project shall implement strong utilization
31 control in order to ensure predictable and controlled annual
32 costs. Medicaid service delivery, including, but not limited to,
33 service authorization, fee setting, care management, and
34 monitoring shall be managed locally through the area office of
35 the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in order to encourage
36 provider development. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities
37 shall submit a report detailing the progress, strategies,
38 specific models used, and future directions in this pilot
39 project to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President
40 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
41 the health and human services appropriations committees of the
42 Legislature by March 1, 2008, and periodically thereafter. The
43 pilot project shall be implemented in Area 1 of the Agency for
44 Persons with Disabilities. Further expansion of this pilot
45 project requires legislative approval.

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