

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
Senator Gaetz

586-2396-07

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to persons with developmental

3 disabilities; requiring the Agency for Persons

4 with Disabilities and the Agency for Health

5 Care Administration to establish pilot projects

6 for certain clients who are currently served

7 through federal Medicaid home and

8 community-based services waivers; providing

9 project requirements; requiring a report;

10 requiring legislative approval for further

11 expansion; requiring an annual review;

12 providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Community-based pilot projects.--The Agency

17 for Persons with Disabilities and the Agency for Health Care

18 Administration shall establish pilot projects that demonstrate

19 strategies and methods for the provision of community-based

20 care to clients with developmental disabilities who are

21 currently served through a Medicaid home and community-based

22 services waiver program authorized under s. 409.906(13),

23 Florida Statutes. The projects shall document client outcomes

24 associated with the use of a valid needs assessment of client

25 level of need, set rates based on level of need, and encourage

26 the use of community-centered services and supports. The pilot

27 projects shall establish strong financial controls in order to

28 ensure predictable and controlled annual costs. Medicaid

29 service delivery, including, but not limited to, service

30 authorization, fee setting, care management, and monitoring

31 shall be managed locally through the area offices of the

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1 Agency for Persons with Disabilities in order to encourage
2 provider development. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities
3 shall submit a report detailing the progress, strategies,
4 specific models used, and recommendations for the future
5 direction of the pilot projects to the Executive Office of the
6 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives, and the health and human services
8 appropriations committees of the Legislature by March 1, 2008,
9 and periodically thereafter. An advisory committee, which
10 includes representation from stakeholders such as families,
11 self-advocates, service providers, and advocacy groups, shall
12 annually evaluate the implementation of the pilot projects.
13 The pilot projects shall be implemented in Area 1, Area 13,
14 and parts of the Suncoast region of the Agency for Persons
15 with Disabilities by July 1, 2007. Further expansion of these
16 pilot projects requires legislative approval. Each pilot
17 program shall be reviewed annually to determine the efficacy
18 of continuation.

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

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 1826

The committee substitute:

- Directs the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) and the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to establish pilot projects for APD Area One, Area Thirteen, and part of the SunCoast Region to demonstrate strategies and methods for provision of the Home and Community Based Waiver.
- Provides for the creation of an advisory committee which includes representatives from stakeholders such as families, self-advocates, service providers, and advocacy groups to evaluate the pilot projects annually.
- Provides that the pilot projects be implemented by July 1, 2007.
- Provides for an annual review of each pilot program to determine the efficacy of continuation.