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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to health and human services; amending s. 287.057, F.S.; delaying the expiration of provisions authorizing the Department of Health to enter into an agreement with a specified private contractor to finance, design, and construct a hospital for the treatment of patients with active tuberculosis; amending s. 394.908, F.S.; delaying the expiration of provisions requiring that funds appropriated for forensic mental health treatment services be allocated to the areas of the state having the greatest demand for services and treatment capacity; providing allocation requirements for specified funds appropriated for mental health services; requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to ensure that information is entered into the Florida Safe Families Network; requiring coordination between the department and the Office of the State Courts Administrator to provide information relating to child welfare cases; requiring a report to the Governor and Legislature; providing for reversion of statutory text of certain provisions; providing for the effect of a veto of one or more specific appropriations or proviso to which implementing language refers; providing for the continued operation of certain provisions notwithstanding a future repeal or expiration provided by the act; providing for



severability; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. In order to implement Specific Appropriations 448, 450, 456, 458, and 459 of the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act, paragraph (b) of subsection (14) of section 287.057, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

287.057 Procurement of commodities or contractual services.—

(14)

(b) The Department of Health shall enter into an agreement, not to exceed 20 years, with a private contractor to finance, design, and construct a hospital, of no more than 50 beds, for the treatment of patients with active tuberculosis and to operate all aspects of daily operations within the facility. The contractor may sponsor the issuance of tax-exempt certificates of participation or other securities to finance the project, and the state may enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the facility. The department shall begin the implementation of this initiative by July 1, 2008. This paragraph expires July 1, 2010 2009.

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 394.908, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.908 Substance abuse and mental health funding equity; distribution of appropriations.—In recognition of the historical inequity in the funding of substance abuse and mental health services for the department's districts and regions and to rectify this inequity and provide for equitable funding in the



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future throughout the state, the following funding process shall be used:

(3)

- (a) Any additional funding beyond the 2005-2006 fiscal year base appropriation for alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health services shall be allocated to districts for substance abuse and mental health services based on:
- 1. Epidemiological estimates of disabilities that apply to the respective target populations.
- 2. A pro rata share distribution that ensures districts below the statewide average funding level per person in each target population of "persons in need" receive funding necessary to achieve equity.
- (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and for the 2008-2009 fiscal year 2009-2010 only, funds appropriated for forensic mental health treatment services shall be allocated to the areas of the state having the greatest demand for services and treatment capacity. This paragraph expires July 1, 2010 2009.
- (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) and for the 2008-2009 fiscal year 2009-2010 only, additional funds appropriated for mental health services from funds available through the Community-Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program shall be allocated as provided in the 2009-2010 2008-2009 General Appropriations Act and in proportion to contributed provider earnings. Where these mental health funds are used in lieu of funds from the General Revenue Fund, the allocation of funds shall be unchanged from the allocation for those funds for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. This paragraph expires July 1, 2010 2009.



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of the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act, the Department of Children and Family Services must ensure that all public and private agencies and institutions participating in child welfare cases enter information, specified by department rule, into the Florida Safe Families Network in order to maintain the accuracy and usefulness of the system. The network is intended to be the department's automated child welfare case-management system designed to provide child welfare workers with a mechanism for managing child welfare cases more efficiently and tracking children and families more effectively. The department shall coordinate with the Office of the State Courts Administrator to provide any judge or magistrate with access to information in the network relating to a child welfare case which is required to be filed with the court pursuant to chapter 39, Florida Statutes, by the date of the network's release during fiscal year 2009-2010. The department shall report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1, 2010, with respect to progress on providing access to the Florida Safe Families Network as provided in this section. This section expires July 1, 2010.

Section 4. A section of this act that implements a specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso language in the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act is void if the specific appropriation or specifically identified proviso language is vetoed. A section of this act that implements more than one specific appropriation or more than one portion of specifically identified proviso language in the 2009-2010 General Appropriations Act is void if all the specific appropriations or portions of specifically identified proviso language are vetoed.



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Section 5. If any other act passed in 2009 contains a provision that is substantially the same as a provision in this act, but that removes or is otherwise not subject to the future repeal applied to such provision by this act, the Legislature intends that the provision in the other act shall take precedence and shall continue to operate, notwithstanding the future repeal provided by this act.

Section 6. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 7. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2009; or, if this act fails to become a law until after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to July 1, 2009.