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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Budget (Altman) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 14 - 24
and insert:

(1) (a) 1. The purpose of a crisis stabilization unit is to stabilize and redirect a client to the most appropriate and least restrictive community setting available, consistent with the client's needs. Crisis stabilization units may screen, assess, and admit for stabilization persons who present themselves to the unit and persons who are brought to the unit under s. 394.463. Clients may be provided 24-hour observation, medication prescribed by a physician or psychiatrist, and other appropriate services. Crisis stabilization units shall provide



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14 services regardless of the client's ability to pay and shall be
15 limited in size to a maximum of 30 beds.

16 2. The department shall implement a demonstration project
17 in region 18 to test the impact of expanding maximum beds
18 authorized in crisis stabilization units from 30 to 50 beds.
19 Specifically, the department shall:

20 a. Authorize existing public or private crisis
21 stabilization units in region 18 to expand bed capacity to a
22 maximum of 50; and

23 b. Assess the impact on the availability of crisis
24 stabilization services to clients.

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26 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 Delete lines 3 - 5

29 and insert:

30 amending s. 394.875, F.S.; requiring the Department of
31 Children and Family Services to implement a
32 demonstration project to test the impact of expanding
33 maximum beds authorized in crisis stabilization units
34 in a specified region and to assess the impact on the
35 availability of crisis stabilization services to
36 clients; providing an effective date.