

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to crisis stabilization units; amending s.  
 3           394.875, F.S.; directing the Department of Children and  
 4           Family Services to implement a demonstration project in  
 5           circuit 18 to test the impact of expanding the maximum  
 6           number of crisis stabilization unit beds; providing an  
 7           effective date.

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

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 11           Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of  
 12           section 394.875, Florida Statutes, to read:

13           394.875 Crisis stabilization units, residential treatment  
 14           facilities, and residential treatment centers for children and  
 15           adolescents; authorized services; license required.—

16           (1)  
 17           (d) The department is directed to implement a  
 18           demonstration project in circuit 18 to test the impact of  
 19           expanding beds authorized in crisis stabilization units from 30  
 20           to 50 beds. Specifically, the department is directed to  
 21           authorize existing public or private crisis stabilization units  
 22           in circuit 18 to expand bed capacity to a maximum of 50 beds and  
 23           to assess the impact such expansion would have on the  
 24           availability of crisis stabilization services to clients.

25           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.