

HB 673

2011

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to crisis stabilization units; amending s.  
3           394.875, F.S.; increasing the number of client beds a  
4           crisis stabilization unit is authorized to provide;  
5           providing an effective date.

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

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9           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
10          394.875, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11           394.875 Crisis stabilization units, residential treatment  
12          facilities, and residential treatment centers for children and  
13          adolescents; authorized services; license required.—

14           (1) (a) The purpose of a crisis stabilization unit is to  
15          stabilize and redirect a client to the most appropriate and  
16          least restrictive community setting available, consistent with  
17          the client's needs. Crisis stabilization units may screen,  
18          assess, and admit for stabilization persons who present  
19          themselves to the unit and persons who are brought to the unit  
20          under s. 394.463. Clients may be provided 24-hour observation,  
21          medication prescribed by a physician or psychiatrist, and other  
22          appropriate services. Crisis stabilization units shall provide  
23          services regardless of the client's ability to pay and shall be  
24          limited in size to a maximum of 50 ~~30~~ beds.

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