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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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House

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Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 173 - 200

and insert:

394.761 Revenue maximization.-

(1) The agency and the department shall develop a plan to obtain federal approval for increasing the availability of federal Medicaid funding for behavioral health care. Increased funding will be used to advance the goal of improved integration of behavioral health and primary care services through development and effective implementation of coordinated care



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12 organizations as described in s. 394.9082(3). The agency and the
13 department shall submit the written plan to the President of the
14 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later
15 than November 1, 2015. The plan shall identify the amount of
16 general revenue funding appropriated for mental health and
17 substance abuse services which is eligible to be used as state
18 Medicaid match. The plan must evaluate alternative uses of
19 increased Medicaid funding, including expansion of Medicaid
20 eligibility for the severely and persistently mentally ill;
21 increased reimbursement rates for behavioral health services;
22 adjustments to the capitation rate for Medicaid enrollees with
23 chronic mental illness and substance use disorders; supplemental
24 payments to mental health and substance abuse providers through
25 a designated state health program or other mechanisms; and
26 innovative programs for incentivizing improved outcomes for
27 behavioral health conditions. The plan shall identify the
28 advantages and disadvantages of each alternative and assess the
29 potential of each for achieving improved integration of
30 services. The plan shall identify the types of federal approvals
31 necessary to implement each alternative and project a timeline
32 for implementation.

33 (2) The agency, in consultation with the department, shall
34 apply to the United States Department of Health and Human
35 Services for an Excellence in Mental Health Act grant and any
36 other subsequent grant programs that become available through s.
37 203 of the federal Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014,
38 Pub. L. No. 113-93, and that create an opportunity to improve
39 access to community mental health services while improving
40 Medicaid reimbursement rates for such services. This subsection



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41 expires July 1, 2018.

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

43 And the title is amended as follows:

44 Delete line 19

45 and insert:

46 to the Legislature by a specified date; requiring the
47 agency to submit an Excellence in Mental Health Act
48 grant application to the United States Department of
49 Health and Human Services; amending s.