

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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INTRODUCER: Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and Appropriations Committee

SUBJECT: Mental Health and Substance Abuse

DATE: April 28, 2015

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1 – 257823** (body and title)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1 –**

- Removes all provisions that merged the Baker Act and Marchman Act regarding emergency care for persons with mental illness and substance abuse.
- Changes maximum length of involuntary commitment under the Baker Act from 3 months back to current law (6 months).
- Revises instructions to the Department of Children and Families and the Agency for Health Care Administration to exclude options to expand behavioral health services under Medicaid in the plan prepared for the Legislature.
- Only allows for-profit behavioral health managing entities when there are less than 2 bids by not-for-profits.
- Revises behavioral health care target populations.
- Expands language on managing entity networks that duplicates/confuses provisions requiring the managing entity to create a coordinated care organization.
- Removes language on involuntary outpatient placement and states that managing entities should work with the court to encourage the use of involuntary outpatient placements for those in the criminal justice system.

- Allows persons with felonies such as battery on law enforcement officers and resisting arrest to enter treatment-based mental health courts.
- Removes provisions creating the non-violent offender reentry program.