

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Forensic Hospital Diversion
 3 Pilot Program; amending s. 916.185, F.S.; authorizing
 4 the Department of Children and Families to implement a
 5 Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program in Okaloosa
 6 County in conjunction with the First Judicial Circuit
 7 in Okaloosa County; providing an 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 (a) of subsection (3) of section
 12 916.185, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 916.185 Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program.—

14 (3) CREATION.—There is authorized a Forensic Hospital
 15 Diversion Pilot Program to provide competency-restoration and
 16 community-reintegration services in either a locked residential
 17 treatment facility when appropriate or a community-based
 18 facility based on considerations of public safety, the needs of
 19 the individual, and available resources.

20 (a) The department may implement a Forensic Hospital
 21 Diversion Pilot Program modeled after the Miami-Dade Forensic
 22 Alternative Center, taking into account local needs and
 23 resources in Okaloosa County, in conjunction with the First
 24 Judicial Circuit in Okaloosa County; in Duval County, in
 25 conjunction with the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Duval County; in

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26 | Broward County, in conjunction with the Seventeenth Judicial
27 | Circuit in Broward County; and in Miami-Dade County, in
28 | conjunction with the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Miami-Dade
29 | County.

30 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.