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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to coordinated systems of care for
3 children; amending s. 397.96, F.S.; defining the term
4 "care coordination"; providing requirements for care
5 coordinators; conforming provisions to changes made by
6 the act; creating s. 1006.05, F.S.; requiring certain
7 school districts to adhere to a specified mental
8 health and treatment support system for certain
9 children, to address certain recommendations, and meet
10 specified performance outcomes; requiring certain
11 school districts to have a care coordinator provided
12 by a managing entity placed in such districts for
13 certain purposes; requiring each school district to
14 report annually to the Department of Education on
15 certain outcomes and funding; providing an effective
16 date.

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

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20 Section 1. Section 397.96, Florida Statutes, is amended to
21 read:

22 397.96 Care coordination ~~Case management~~ for complex
23 substance abuse cases.—

24 (1) Contingent upon specific appropriations, it is the
25 intent of the Legislature to provide for a more intensive level
26 of care coordination ~~case management~~ for complex cases involving
27 children who need substance abuse services. Such services shall
28 be directed toward children receiving services from several
29 agencies or programs to address the complex problems created by

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30 substance abuse, dependency, or addiction.

31 (2) The department shall determine when a child receiving
32 children's substance abuse services under this part shall have a
33 care coordinator ~~case manager~~.

34 (3) For the purposes of this section, "care coordination"
35 has the same meaning as in s. 394.4573(1). ~~"case management"~~
36 ~~means those activities aimed at:~~

37 ~~(a) Implementing a treatment plan;~~

38 ~~(b) Advocacy;~~

39 ~~(c) Linking services providers to a child and family;~~

40 ~~(d) Monitoring services delivery; and~~

41 ~~(e) Collecting information to determine the effect of~~
42 ~~services and treatment.~~

43 (4) The care coordinator ~~case manager~~ shall periodically
44 review services utilization to ascertain compliance with plans
45 approved by the planning team.

46 (5) In the attempt to minimize duplication, it is the
47 intent of the Legislature that a child have no more than one
48 care coordinator ~~case manager~~.

49 Section 2. Section 1006.05, Florida Statutes, is created to
50 read:

51 1006.05 Mental health coordinated system of care.—

52 (1) Pursuant to s. 394.491 and to further promote the
53 effective implementation of a coordinated system of care
54 pursuant to ss. 394.4573 and 394.495, each school district that
55 provides mental health assessment, diagnosis, intervention,
56 treatment, and recovery services to students diagnosed with one
57 or more mental health or any co-occurring substance use disorder
58 and students at high risk of such diagnoses shall be guided by

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59 and adhere to the guiding principles of the mental health
60 treatment and support system as provided under s. 394.491.

61 (2) (a) School districts shall contract with managing
62 entities to provide care coordination as defined in s.
63 394.4573(1) for students with complex behavioral health needs
64 who continue to experience adverse outcomes due to unmet needs
65 or an inability to engage.

66 (b) A care coordinator provided by the managing entity
67 shall be placed in each school district implementing a
68 coordinated system of care under subsection (1) to ensure
69 students are receiving necessary services and that appropriate
70 funds are being used to support the cost of treatment, including
71 Medicaid or other governmental or private health care or health
72 insurance programs, before accessing school-based mental health
73 treatment and support system funding to purchase community-based
74 services.

75 (c) School districts shall address recommendations from the
76 care coordinator provided by the managing entity when a student
77 is identified as having experienced an involuntary admission to
78 an acute psychiatric care facility upon the return of the
79 student to the school setting.

80 (3) (a) Pursuant to s. 394.494, each school district shall
81 meet the general performance outcomes for the child and
82 adolescent mental health treatment and support system.

83 (b) Each school district shall report annually to the
84 department on the general performance outcomes for the child and
85 adolescent mental health treatment and support system and how
86 the support system funding is allocated and spent.

87 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.