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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Gruters) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 394.495,
Florida Statutes, to read:

394.495 Child and adolescent mental health system of care;
programs and services.—

(8) (a) The department shall contract with managing entities
for community mobile support teams throughout this state to



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11 place crisis counselors from community mental health centers in
12 local law enforcement agencies. The counselors shall conduct
13 follow-up contacts with children, adolescents, and adults who
14 have been involuntarily committed under the Baker Act by a law
15 enforcement officer. The goal of the community mobile support
16 team through its partnership with law enforcement is to reduce
17 recidivism of involuntary commitments under the Baker Act by law
18 enforcement, reduce the time burden of law enforcement
19 completing follow-up work with persons after commitment under
20 the Baker Act, provide additional crisis intervention services,
21 assist persons with engagement in mental health care, and give
22 persons another option for mental health crisis intervention
23 other than the use of law enforcement.

24 (b) A community mobile support team crisis counselor shall,
25 at a minimum:

26 1. Provide follow-up care to individuals in the community
27 that law enforcement has identified as needing additional mental
28 health support.

29 2. Conduct home visits to assist a person with connecting
30 with the appropriate aftercare services in his or her community
31 following his or her discharge from a Baker Act receiving
32 facility.

33 3. Provide support to aid a person during the transition
34 period from his or her release from commitment under the Baker
35 Act to connection with aftercare services.

36 4. Provide brief crisis counseling and assessment for
37 additional needs.

38 (c) A community mobile support team shall offer, at a
39 minimum, all of the following services:



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- 40 1. Crisis assessment.
- 41 2. Community-based crisis counseling.
- 42 3. In-person, follow-up care after involuntary commitment
- 43 under the Baker Act by a law enforcement officer.
- 44 4. Assistance with accessing and engaging in aftercare
- 45 services.
- 46 5. Assistance with obtaining other necessary community
- 47 resources to maintain stability.
- 48 6. Coordination of safety planning.
- 49 (d) A community mental health center contracted by a
- 50 managing entity to provide a community mobile support team must:
- 51 1. Collaborate with local law enforcement offices in the
- 52 planning, development, and program evaluation processes.
- 53 2. Require that services be made available 7 days a week.
- 54 3. Establish independent response protocols and memorandums
- 55 of understanding with local law enforcement agencies.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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59 And the title is amended as follows:

60 Delete everything before the enacting clause
61 and insert:

62 A bill to be entitled
63 An act relating to community mobile support teams;
64 amending s. 394.495, F.S.; requiring the Department of
65 Children and Families to contract with managing
66 entities for community mobile support teams to place
67 certain crisis counselors within local law enforcement
68 agencies to conduct follow-up contacts with certain



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69 persons; providing requirements for crisis counselors,
70 community mobile support teams, and certain community
71 mental health centers; providing an effective date.