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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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04/02/2025	.	
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The Committee on Appropriations (Bradley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 557 - 616

and insert:

(4) The Northwest Regional Data Center is the lead entity responsible for creating, operating, and managing, including the research conducted by, the Florida Behavioral Health Care Data Repository as established by this subsection.

(a) The purpose of the data repository is to create a centralized system for:



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- 11 1. Collecting and analyzing existing statewide behavioral
12 health care data to:
- 13 a. Better understand the scope of and trends in behavioral
14 health services, spending, and outcomes to improve patient care
15 and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of behavioral
16 health services;
- 17 b. Better understand the scope of, trends in, and
18 relationship between behavioral health, criminal justice,
19 incarceration, and the use of behavioral health services as a
20 diversion from incarceration for individuals with mental
21 illness; and
- 22 c. Enhance the collection and coordination of treatment and
23 outcome information as an ongoing evidence base for research and
24 education related to behavioral health.
- 25 2. Developing useful data analytics, economic metrics, and
26 visual representations of such analytics and metrics to inform
27 relevant state agencies and the Legislature of data and trends
28 in behavioral health.
- 29 (b) The Northwest Regional Data Center shall develop, in
30 collaboration with the Data Analysis Committee of the Commission
31 on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder created under s.
32 394.9086 and with relevant stakeholders, a plan that includes
33 all of the following:
- 34 1. A project plan that describes the technology,
35 methodology, timeline, cost, and resources necessary to create a
36 centralized, integrated, and coordinated data system.
- 37 2. A proposed governance structure to oversee the
38 implementation and operations of the repository.
- 39 3. An integration strategy to incorporate existing data



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40 from relevant state agencies, including, but not limited to, the
41 Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of
42 Children and Families, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the
43 Office of the State Courts Administrator, and the Department of
44 Corrections.

45 4. Identification of relevant data and metrics to support
46 actionable information and ensure the efficient and responsible
47 use of taxpayer dollars within behavioral health systems of
48 care.

49 5. Data security requirements for the repository.

50 6. The structure and process that will be used to create an
51 annual analysis and report that gives state agencies and the
52 Legislature a better general understanding of trends and issues
53 in the state's behavioral health systems of care and the trends
54 and issues in behavioral health systems related to criminal
55 justice treatment, diversion, and incarceration.

56 (c) By December 1, 2025, the Northwest Regional Data
57 Center, in collaboration with the Data Analysis Committee of the
58 Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder, shall
59 submit the developed plan for implementation and ongoing
60 operation with a proposed budget to the Governor, the President
61 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
62 for review.

63 (d) Beginning December 1, 2026, and annually thereafter,
64 the Northwest Regional Data Center shall submit the developed
65 trends and issues report under subparagraph (b)6. to the
66 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
67 House of Representatives.

68 Section 10. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the nonrecurring



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69 sum of \$229,840 and the recurring sum of \$565,040 from the
70 General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Northwest Regional
71 Data Center to implement the Florida Behavioral Health Care Data
72 Repository as created by this act.

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75 And the title is amended as follows:

76 Delete lines 82 - 92

77 and insert:

78 specifying that the Northwest Regional Data Center is
79 responsible for creating, operating, and managing,
80 including the research conducted by, the Florida
81 Behavioral Health Care Data Repository; specifying the
82 purposes of the data repository; requiring the
83 Northwest Regional Data Center to develop a specified
84 plan; requiring the Northwest Regional Data Center to
85 submit, by a specified date, a certain developed plan
86 to the Governor and the Legislature; requiring the
87 Florida Behavioral Health Care Data Repository to
88 submit, by a specified date and annually thereafter, a
89 specified report to the Governor and the Legislature;
90 providing an appropriation; providing an effective