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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to coordinated systems of care;  
3           creating s. 394.45731, F.S.; creating the Crisis Care  
4           Coordination Pilot Program in specified counties,  
5           contingent upon legislative appropriation; requiring  
6           the Department of Children and Families to administer  
7           the pilot program; requiring the pilot program to  
8           provide community-based care coordination and support  
9           for individuals after a mental health-related contact  
10          with law enforcement officers; providing the  
11          interventions that the program offers such  
12          individuals; requiring that such services be provided  
13          by nationally accredited community mental health  
14          centers in partnership with local law enforcement  
15          agencies for specified purposes; requiring the  
16          department to submit a report to the Governor and the  
17          Legislature by a specified date; providing  
18          requirements for the report; providing for repeal;  
19          providing an effective date.

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

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23           Section 1. Section 394.45731, Florida Statutes, is created  
24 to read:

25           394.45731 Crisis Care Coordination Pilot Program.—

26           (1) Subject to a specific appropriation by the Legislature,  
27 the department shall create the Crisis Care Coordination Pilot  
28 Program in Polk and Volusia Counties. The department shall  
29 administer the pilot program.

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30       (2) The program shall provide community-based care  
31 coordination and support for individuals after a mental health-  
32 related contact with a law enforcement agency, including  
33 involuntary examinations initiated by a law enforcement officer.

34       (3) Interventions provided by the program must include  
35 assessment, safety planning, assistance in accessing recommended  
36 services, supportive counseling, and other support needed  
37 following a mental health crisis event.

38       (4) Services must be provided by nationally accredited  
39 community mental health centers as defined in s. 394.907(1), in  
40 partnership with local law enforcement agencies, to reduce  
41 repeat involuntary examinations initiated by law enforcement  
42 officers, reduce the time burden on law enforcement agencies  
43 working with individuals after an involuntary examination,  
44 provide crisis intervention services, assist individuals in  
45 accessing mental health care services, and provide individuals  
46 another option for crisis intervention other than the use of law  
47 enforcement.

48       (5) By January 1, 2026, the department shall submit a  
49 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
50 Speaker of the House of Representatives, evaluating whether the  
51 pilot program has demonstrated success. The report must contain  
52 recommendations with regard to whether the program should be  
53 expanded for use by other local governments.

54       (6) This section is repealed July 1, 2027.

55       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.