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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to family court report cards; creating  
s. 25.396, F.S.; requiring the Office of the State  
Courts Administrator to establish a pilot program  
beginning on a specified date; providing the purpose  
of the pilot program; providing a reporting  
requirement; providing an appropriation; requiring the  
office to prepare and publish on its website an annual  
family court report card of each judge who presides  
over family law proceedings in each judicial circuit  
beginning on a specified date; providing a purpose for  
the report card; requiring that the report card  
include specified information; requiring the office to  
maintain a publicly accessible online database of the  
report cards and certain statewide summaries;  
prohibiting the report cards from containing certain  
personal identifying information; requesting the  
Supreme Court to adopt rules; providing an effective  
date.

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

Section 1. Section 25.396, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

25.396 Family court report cards pilot program.-

26        (1) (a)1. Beginning on July 1, 2026, the Office of the  
27 State Courts Administrator shall establish a pilot program in  
28 three judicial circuits to implement the provisions of this  
29 section.

30        2. The purpose of the pilot program is to refine data  
31 definitions, reporting standards, publication tools, and methods  
32 before the family court report cards are implemented statewide  
33 pursuant to this section.

34        3. No later than March 1, 2027, the Office of the State  
35 Courts Administrator shall submit to the Governor, the President  
36 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a  
37 report on the findings of the pilot program.

38        (b) The Legislature shall provide funding necessary for  
39 the Office of the State Courts Administrator to implement the  
40 pilot program, including personnel and information technology  
41 resources dedicated to data collection, verification, and  
42 publication.

43        (2) (a) Beginning July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter,  
44 the Office of the State Courts Administrator shall prepare and  
45 publish on its website a family court report card of each judge  
46 who presides over family law proceedings in each judicial  
47 circuit.

48        (b) The report card is intended to promote transparency,  
49 accountability, and public confidence in the family law system  
50 by providing standardized performance metrics regarding case

51 management, timeliness, and outcomes.

52 (c) At a minimum, each report card must include all of the  
53 following:

54 1. The average time to final judgment in dissolution and  
55 time-sharing cases.

56 2. The percentage of cases resolved through mediation or  
57 settlement.

58 3. The number and percentage of cases requiring court-  
59 ordered psychological evaluations.

60 4. The average cost to parties for court-appointed  
61 professionals, if such data is available.

62 5. The rate of postjudgment modifications within 3 years  
63 after entry of final judgment.

64 6. The compliance rate with statutory time requirements  
65 for rulings on motions and reports.

66 7. The aggregate rate of reversal on appeal in family law  
67 cases.

68 (d) To ensure accurate interpretation of the metrics under  
69 this subsection, each report card must also include all of the  
70 following:

71 1. Circuit caseload volume and yearly changes.

72 2. Available judicial and administrative resources for  
73 family court operations.

74 3. Indicators of case complexity, when quantifiable.

75 4. Optional narrative statements not to exceed 500 words

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76 by a presiding judge to provide context for the metrics.

77 (3) The Office of the State Courts Administrator shall  
78 maintain a publicly accessible, searchable, online database of  
79 report cards and annual statewide summaries. Such summaries must  
80 identify trends and resource disparities across all of the  
81 judicial circuits of this state.

82 (4) Report cards may not contain personal identifying  
83 information about litigants or minor children.

84 (5) The Supreme Court is requested to adopt rules to  
85 implement this section, including standardized data definitions,  
86 reporting procedures, and quality assurance requirements.

87 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.