

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to family court report cards; creating
3 s. 25.396, F.S.; requiring the Office of the State
4 Courts Administrator to establish a pilot program
5 beginning on a specified date; providing the purpose
6 of the pilot program; providing a reporting
7 requirement; providing an appropriation; requiring the
8 office to prepare and publish on its website an annual
9 family court report card of each judge who presides
10 over family law proceedings in each judicial circuit
11 beginning on a specified date; providing a purpose for
12 the report card; requiring that the report card
13 include specified information; requiring the office to
14 maintain a publicly accessible online database of the
15 report cards and certain statewide summaries;
16 prohibiting the report cards from containing certain
17 personal identifying information; requesting the
18 Supreme Court to adopt rules; providing an effective
19 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 25.396, Florida Statutes, is created to**
24 **read:**

25 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

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.