

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Hinson offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 102 and 103, insert:

**Section 2. Section 394.4997, Florida Statutes, is created to read:**

394.4997 Gun Violence Prevention Pilot Program.-

(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.-The Legislature finds that persons under 21 years of age in this state are disproportionately affected by gun violence, which has significant adverse effects on the health, safety, and well-being of persons under 21 years of age. Further, the Legislature

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13 finds that mental health challenges and unresolved conflicts are  
14 contributing factors to the prevalence of gun violence and that  
15 there is a need for targeted mental health and conflict  
16 resolution education programs to assist persons under 21 years  
17 of age in mitigating these issues. It is the intent of the  
18 Legislature to establish programs that provide mental health  
19 services tailored to the needs of persons under 21 years of age,  
20 implement conflict resolution training in schools and community  
21 centers to prevent violence, and fund community-based  
22 initiatives that address the root causes of gun violence among  
23 persons under 21 years of age.

24 (2) CREATION.—

25 (a) IMPACT GNV of the City of Gainesville shall develop  
26 and implement a Gun Violence Prevention Pilot Program in the  
27 City of Gainesville, in collaboration with the Department of  
28 Juvenile Justice, the state attorney, and the public defender of  
29 the eighth judicial circuit.

30 (b) The Gun Violence Prevention Pilot Program shall  
31 provide mental health services, community-based intervention  
32 programs, conflict resolution training, and alternative  
33 opportunities.

34 (c) IMPACT GNV shall design the pilot program to align  
35 with and complement existing efforts in the City of Gainesville  
36 to address gun violence among youth and young adults. IMPACT GNV

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37 shall, at a minimum, consult with stakeholders before and during  
38 implementation of the pilot program.

39 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to become an eligible program  
40 participant, he or she must be:

41 (a) A person who is at least 10 to 21 years of age, who is  
42 at moderate or high risk of being:

43 1. A victim of gun violence;

44 2. An offender who has inflicted bodily harm or death; or

45 3. An individual returning to the community from a  
46 delinquency residential program.

47 (b) A family member of a person eligible under paragraph  
48 (a).

49 (4) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—The program shall:

50 (a) Provide program participants with access to mental  
51 health services, including, but not limited to, all of the  
52 following:

53 1. Individual therapy sessions with qualified  
54 professionals or mental health counselors to address personal  
55 mental health issues.

56 2. Facilitated group therapy sessions to provide peer  
57 support and shared experiences.

58 3. Family therapy sessions involving family members to  
59 address familial issues contributing to mental health problems.

60 4. Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy for  
61 participants who have experienced trauma.

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62       5. Art and music therapies to help participants express  
63 emotions and cope with stress.

64       6. Substance abuse treatment programs addressing substance  
65 abuse issues that may contribute to violent behavior.

66       7. Mediation training.

67       8. Restoration of relationships.

68       9. Resilience and leadership skills.

69       (b) In collaboration with the Department of Juvenile  
70 Justice, the state attorney, and the public defender for the  
71 eighth judicial circuit, provide program participants who are  
72 involved with the delinquency system or on probation with  
73 opportunities to obtain:

74           1. A graduate equivalency degree.

75           2. Job training, skills development, or an apprenticeship.

76           3. Employment at high-risk or critical need positions.

77       (5) REFERRAL.—

78       (a) The public defender's office will receive referrals to  
79 the dependency program.

80       (b) The state attorney's office will receive referrals to  
81 the diversion program under part III of chapter 985.

82       (c) The Department of Juvenile Justice will receive  
83 referrals to the class for firearm offenders under s.  
84 985.601(11).

85       (6) REPORTS.—

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86 (a) Beginning October 31, 2027, and annually thereafter,  
 87 the City of Gainesville, in collaboration with Alachua County,  
 88 shall report to IMPACT GNV and the Department of Juvenile  
 89 Justice the number of participants in the pilot program; data on  
 90 the impact on the rate of gun violence among individuals within  
 91 the age group and geographic area served by the program; data on  
 92 risk factors for gun violence in the geographic area served by  
 93 the program; feedback from program participants; and  
 94 recommendations for improvement and expansion of services based  
 95 on the results of the pilot program.

96 (b) IMPACT GNV shall report to the Governor, the Speaker  
 97 of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate  
 98 by December 31 of each year on the implementation and  
 99 performance of the program.

100 (7) REPEAL.—This section will expire on June 30, 2030.

101 **Section 3.** For the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the sum of  
 102 \$500,000 is appropriated in nonrecurring funds from the General  
 103 Revenue Fund to the Department of Children and Families for the  
 104 purpose of implementing section 2 of this act.

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 107 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

108 Remove lines 2-6 and insert:

109 An act relating to the Department of Law Enforcement  
 110 and gun violence prevention; amending s. 112.195,

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111 F.S.; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to  
112 adopt rules relating to the Florida Medal of Valor and  
113 the Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal; creating s.  
114 394.4997, F.S.; providing legislative findings and  
115 intent; requiring IMPACT GNV of the City of  
116 Gainesville, in collaboration with certain entities,  
117 to develop and implement the Gun Violence Prevention  
118 Pilot Program; providing eligibility and program  
119 requirements; providing alternatives to incarceration  
120 for specified youth; providing for referrals to  
121 specified programs; requiring the City of Gainesville,  
122 in collaboration with Alachua County, to annually  
123 submit a specified report to IMPACT GNV by a specified  
124 date; requiring IMPACT GNV to report specified  
125 information to the Governor and the Legislature by a  
126 specified date; providing for future repeal of the  
127 pilot program; providing for an appropriation;  
128 amending s. 406.02, F.S.; specifying the

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