

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2017 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

HB 1051 — Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program

by Rep. Ponder and others (SB 1094 by Senator Gainer)

HB 1051 authorizes the Department of Children and Families to implement a Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program in Okaloosa County in conjunction with the First Judicial Circuit. The purpose of the program is to provide competency-restoration and community-reintegration services in either a locked residential treatment facility when appropriate or a community-based facility based on consideration of public safety, the needs of the individual, and available resources.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 117-0