

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*