By Senator Gaetz

4-1420A-07

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to persons with developmental disabilities; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish a pilot project for certain clients who are currently served through federal waivers for Medicaid home and community-based services and family and supported living services; providing requirements for the pilot project; requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit a report to the Governor, the Legislature, and legislative committees; requiring legislative approval for further expansion; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Home and community-based waiver pilot project.--The Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Agency for Health Care Administration shall make any changes in rule and to Medicaid waiver agreements with federal Medicaid authorities as are required in order to establish a 5-year pilot project that demonstrates strategies and methods for the provision of community-based care to clients with developmental disabilities who are currently served through Medicaid home and community-based services and family and supported living services. This project shall document increased client outcomes that are known to be associated with a valid needs assessment of client level of need, rate setting based on level of need, and encouragement of the use of

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

community-centered services and supports. The pilot project shall implement strong utilization control in order to ensure predictable and controlled annual costs. Medicaid service delivery, including, but not limited to, service authorization, fee setting, care management, and monitoring shall be managed locally through the area office of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities in order to encourage provider development. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall submit a report detailing the progress, strategies, specific models used, and future directions in this pilot project to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the health and human services appropriations committees of the Legislature by March 1, 2008, and periodically thereafter. The pilot project shall be implemented in Area 1 of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Further expansion of this pilot project requires legislative approval.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

****

SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish a pilot project for certain clients who are currently served through waivers for the Medicaid home and community-based services and family and supported living services. Provides requirements for the pilot project. Requires the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit a report to the Governor, the Legislature, and legislative committees.

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.