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# Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove lines 71-552 and insert:

394.47892 Mental health court programs.—

(1) Each county may fund a mental health court program under which a defendant in the justice system assessed with a mental illness shall be processed in such a manner as to appropriately address the severity of the identified mental illness through treatment services tailored to the individual needs of the participant. The Legislature intends to encourage the department, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Health, the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of Education, and other such agencies, local governments, law enforcement agencies,

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interested public or private entities, and individuals to support the creation and establishment of problem-solving court programs. Participation in a mental health court program does not relieve a public or private agency of its responsibility for a child or an adult, but enables such agency to better meet the child's or adult's needs through shared responsibility and resources.

- (2) Mental health court programs may include pretrial intervention programs as provided in ss. 948.08, 948.16, and 985.345, postadjudicatory mental health court programs as provided in ss. 948.01 and 948.06, and review of the status of compliance or noncompliance of sentenced defendants through a mental health court program.
- (3) Entry into a pretrial mental health court program is voluntary.
- (4) (a) Entry into a postadjudicatory mental health court program as a condition of probation or community control pursuant to s. 948.01 or s. 948.06 must be based upon the sentencing court's assessment of the defendant's criminal history, mental health screening outcome, amenability to the services of the program, and total sentence points; the recommendation of the state attorney and the victim, if any; and the defendant's agreement to enter the program.
- (b) A defendant who is sentenced to a postadjudicatory mental health court program and who, while a mental health court program participant, is the subject of a violation of probation

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or community control under s. 948.06 shall have the violation of probation or community control heard by the judge presiding over the postadjudicatory mental health court program. After a hearing on or admission of the violation, the judge shall dispose of any such violation as he or she deems appropriate if the resulting sentence or conditions are lawful.

- (5) (a) Contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature, the state courts system shall establish, at a minimum, one coordinator position in each mental health court program to coordinate the responsibilities of the participating agencies and service providers. Each coordinator shall provide direct support to the mental health court program by providing coordination between the multidisciplinary team and the judiciary, providing case management, monitoring compliance of the participants in the mental health court program with court requirements, and managing the collection of data for program evaluation and accountability.
- (b) Each mental health court program shall collect sufficient client-level data and programmatic information for purposes of program evaluation. Client-level data include primary offenses that resulted in the mental health court program referral or sentence, treatment compliance, completion status and reasons for failure to complete, offenses committed during treatment and the sanctions imposed, frequency of court appearances, and units of service. Programmatic information includes referral and screening procedures, eligibility

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residential treatment resources. The programmatic information and aggregate data on the number of mental health court program admissions and terminations by type of termination shall be reported annually by each mental health court program to the Office of the State Courts Administrator.

- (6) If a county chooses to fund a mental health court program, the county must secure funding from sources other than the state for those costs not otherwise assumed by the state pursuant to s. 29.004. However, this subsection does not preclude counties from using funds for treatment and other services provided through state executive branch agencies.

  Counties may provide, by interlocal agreement, for the collective funding of these programs.
- (7) The chief judge of each judicial circuit may appoint an advisory committee for the mental health court program. The committee shall be composed of the chief judge, or his or her designee, who shall serve as chair; the judge of the mental health court program, if not otherwise designated by the chief judge as his or her designee; the state attorney, or his or her designee; the public defender, or his or her designee; the mental health court program coordinators; community representatives; treatment representatives; and any other persons who the chair deems appropriate.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 910.035, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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Bill No. HB 439

(2016)

Amendment No. 3

96 910.035 Transfer from county for plea, sentence, or 97 participation in a problem-solving court.—

- (5) TRANSFER FOR PARTICIPATION IN A PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT.—
- (a) For purposes of this subsection, the term "problem-solving court" means a drug court pursuant to s. 948.01, s. 948.06, s. 948.08, s. 948.16, or s. 948.20; a military veterans' and servicemembers' court pursuant to s. 394.47891, s. 948.08, s. 948.16, or s. 948.21; or a mental health court program pursuant to s. 394.47892, s. 948.01, s. 948.06, s. 948.08, or s. 948.16; or a delinquency pretrial intervention court program pursuant to s. 985.345.

Section 4. Section 916.185, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

916.185 Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program.-

(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds that many jail inmates who have serious mental illnesses and who are committed to state forensic mental health treatment facilities for restoration of competency to proceed could be served more effectively and at less cost in community-based alternative programs. The Legislature further finds that many people who have serious mental illnesses and who have been discharged from state forensic mental health treatment facilities could avoid returning to the criminal justice and forensic mental health systems if they received specialized treatment in the community. Therefore, it is the intent of the

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Legislature to create the Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot
Program to serve offenders who have mental illnesses or co-
occurring mental illnesses and substance use disorders and who
are involved in or at risk of entering state forensic mental
health treatment facilities, prisons, jails, or state civil
mental health treatment facilities.

- (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Best practices" means treatment services that incorporate the most effective and acceptable interventions available in the care and treatment of offenders who are diagnosed as having mental illnesses or co-occurring mental illnesses and substance use disorders.
- (b) "Community forensic system" means the community mental health and substance use forensic treatment system, including the comprehensive set of services and supports provided to offenders involved in or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system.
- (c) "Evidence-based practices" means interventions and strategies that, based on the best available empirical research, demonstrate effective and efficient outcomes in the care and treatment of offenders who are diagnosed as having mental illnesses or co-occurring mental illnesses and substance use disorders.
- (3) CREATION.—There is created a Forensic Hospital

  Diversion Pilot Program to provide competency—restoration and community—reintegration services in either a locked residential

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eatment facility when appropriate or a community-based
cility based on considerations of public safety, the needs of
e individual, and available resources.

- (a) The department shall implement a Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program modeled after the Miami-Dade Forensic Alternative Center, taking into account local needs and resources in Duval County, in conjunction with the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Duval County; in Broward County, in conjunction with the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in Broward County; and in Miami-Dade County, in conjunction with the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Miami-Dade County.
- (b) The department shall include a comprehensive continuum of care and services that use evidence-based practices and best practices to treat offenders who have mental health and co-occurring substance use disorders.
- (c) The department and the corresponding judicial circuits shall implement this section. The department may request budget amendments pursuant to chapter 216 to realign funds between mental health services and community substance abuse and mental health services in order to implement this pilot program.
- (4) ELIGIBILITY.—Participation in the Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program is limited to offenders who:
  - (a) Are 18 years of age or older.
- 171 (b) Are charged with a felony of the second degree or a
  172 felony of the third degree.

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- (d) Are adjudicated incompetent to proceed to trial or not guilty by reason of insanity pursuant to this part.
- (e) Meet public safety and treatment criteria established by the department for placement in a community setting.
- (f) Otherwise would be admitted to a state mental health treatment facility.
- Supreme Court, in consultation and cooperation with the Florida

  Supreme Court Task Force on Substance Abuse and Mental Health

  Issues in the Courts, to develop educational training for judges in the pilot program areas which focuses on the community forensic system.
- (6) RULEMAKING.—The department may adopt rules to administer this section.
- Section 5. Present subsections (6) through (13) of section 948.001, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7) through (14), respectively, and new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:
  - 948.001 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:
- (6) "Mental health probation" means a form of specialized supervision that emphasizes mental health treatment and working with treatment providers to focus on the underlying mental health disorders and compliance with a prescribed psychotropic medication regimen in accordance with individualized treatment

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plans. Mental health probation shall be supervised by officers with restricted caseloads who are sensitized to the unique needs of individuals with mental health disorders, and who will work in tandem with community mental health case managers assigned to the defendant. Caseloads of such officers should be restricted to a maximum of 50 cases per officer in order to ensure an adequate level of staffing and supervision.

Section 6. Subsection (8) is added to section 948.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

948.01 When court may place defendant on probation or into community control.—

(8) (a) Notwithstanding s. 921.0024 and effective for offenses committed on or after July 1, 2016, the sentencing court may place the defendant into a postadjudicatory mental health court program if the offense is a nonviolent felony, the defendant is amenable to mental health treatment, including taking prescribed medications, and the defendant is otherwise qualified under s. 394.47892(4). The satisfactory completion of the program must be a condition of the defendant's probation or community control. As used in this subsection, the term "nonviolent felony" means a third degree felony violation under chapter 810 or any other felony offense that is not a forcible felony as defined in s. 776.08. Defendants charged with resisting an officer with violence under s. 843.01, battery on a law enforcement officer under s. 784.07, or aggravated assault may participate in the mental health court program if the court

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- (b) The defendant must be fully advised of the purpose of the mental health court program and the defendant must agree to enter the program. The original sentencing court shall relinquish jurisdiction of the defendant's case to the postadjudicatory mental health court program until the defendant is no longer active in the program, the case is returned to the sentencing court due to the defendant's termination from the program for failure to comply with the terms thereof, or the defendant's sentence is completed.
- (c) The Department of Corrections may establish designated and trained mental health probation officers to support individuals under supervision of the mental health court program.

Section 7. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (2) of section 948.06, Florida Statutes, to read:

948.06 Violation of probation or community control; revocation; modification; continuance; failure to pay restitution or cost of supervision.—

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(j)1. Notwithstanding s. 921.0024 and effective for offenses committed on or after July 1, 2016, the court may order the offender to successfully complete a postadjudicatory mental

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- a. The court finds or the offender admits that the offender has violated his or her community control or probation;
- b. The underlying offense is a nonviolent felony. As used in this subsection, the term "nonviolent felony" means a third degree felony violation under chapter 810 or any other felony offense that is not a forcible felony as defined in s. 776.08.

  Offenders charged with resisting an officer with violence under s. 843.01, battery on a law enforcement officer under s. 784.07, or aggravated assault may participate in the mental health court program if the court so orders after the victim is given his or her right to provide testimony or written statement to the court as provided in s. 921.143;
- c. The court determines that the offender is amenable to the services of a postadjudicatory mental health court program, including taking prescribed medications, or a military veterans and servicemembers court program;
- d. The court explains the purpose of the program to the offender and the offender agrees to participate; and
- e. The offender is otherwise qualified to participate in a postadjudicatory mental health court program under s.

  394.47892(4) or a military veterans and servicemembers court program under s. 394.47891.
- 2. After the court orders the modification of community control or probation, the original sentencing court shall

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relinquish jurisdiction of the offender's case to the postadjudicatory mental health court program until the offender is no longer active in the program, the case is returned to the sentencing court due to the offender's termination from the program for failure to comply with the terms thereof, or the offender's sentence is completed.

Section 8. Present subsection (8) of section 948.08, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (9), paragraph (a) of subsection (7) is amended, and a new subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

948.08 Pretrial intervention program.-

- (7) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a person who is charged with a felony, other than a felony listed in s. 948.06(8)(c), and identified as a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, including a veteran who was discharged or released under a general discharge, or servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, who suffers from a military service-related mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem, is eligible for voluntary admission into a pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program approved by the chief judge of the circuit, upon motion of either party or the court's own motion, except:
- 1. If a defendant was previously offered admission to a pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program at any time before trial and the defendant rejected that offer on the

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- 2. If a defendant previously entered a court-ordered veterans' treatment program, the court may deny the defendant's admission into the pretrial veterans' treatment program.
- (8) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a defendant is eligible for voluntary admission into a pretrial mental health court program established pursuant to s. 394.47892 and approved by the chief judge of the circuit for a period to be determined by the court, based on the clinical needs of the defendant, upon motion of either party or the court's own motion if:
  - 1. The defendant is identified as having a mental illness;
  - 2. The defendant has not been convicted of a felony; and
  - 3. The defendant is charged with:
- a. A nonviolent felony that includes a third degree felony violation of chapter 810 or any other felony offense that is not a forcible felony as defined in s. 776.08;
- b. Resisting an officer with violence under s. 843.01, if the law enforcement officer and state attorney consent to the defendant's participation;
- c. Battery on a law enforcement officer under s. 784.07, if the law enforcement officer and state attorney consent to the defendant's participation; or
- d. Aggravated assault, if the victim and state attorney consent to the defendant's participation.

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(b) At the end of the pretrial intervention period, the
court shall consider the recommendation of the program
administrator and the recommendation of the state attorney as to
disposition of the pending charges. The court shall determine,
by written finding, whether the defendant has successfully
completed the pretrial intervention program. If the court finds
that the defendant has not successfully completed the pretrial
intervention program, the court may order the person to continue
in education and treatment, which may include a mental health
program offered by a licensed service provider, as defined in s.
394.455, or order that the charges revert to normal channels for
prosecution. The court shall dismiss the charges upon a finding
that the defendant has successfully completed the pretrial
intervention program.

Section 9. Present subsections (3) and (4) of section 948.16, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5), respectively, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and present subsection (4) of that section are amended, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

948.16 Misdemeanor pretrial substance abuse education and treatment intervention program; misdemeanor pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program; misdemeanor pretrial mental health court program.—

(2)(a) A veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, <u>including a veteran who was discharged or released under a general</u> discharge, or servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, who

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suffers from a military service-related mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem, and who is charged with a misdemeanor is eligible for voluntary admission into a misdemeanor pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program approved by the chief judge of the circuit, for a period based on the program's requirements and the treatment plan for the offender, upon motion of either party or the court's own motion. However, the court may deny the defendant admission into a misdemeanor pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program if the defendant has previously entered a court-ordered veterans' treatment program.

- identified as having a mental illness is eligible for voluntary admission into a misdemeanor pretrial mental health court program established pursuant to s. 394.47892, approved by the chief judge of the circuit, for a period to be determined by the court, based on the clinical needs of the defendant, upon motion of either party or the court's own motion.
- (5)-(4) Any public or private entity providing a pretrial substance abuse education and treatment program or mental health court program under this section shall contract with the county or appropriate governmental entity. The terms of the contract shall include, but not be limited to, the requirements established for private entities under s. 948.15(3). This requirement does not apply to services provided by the

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Department of Veterans' Affairs or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Section 10. Section 948.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

948.21 Condition of probation or community control; military servicemembers and veterans.—

- (1) Effective for a probationer or community controllee whose crime is was committed on or after July 1, 2012, and who is a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, or servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, who suffers from a military servicerelated mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem, the court may, in addition to any other conditions imposed, impose a condition requiring the probationer or community controllee to participate in a treatment program capable of treating the probationer's probationer or community controllee's mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem.
- whose crime is committed on or after July 1, 2016, and who is a veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, including a veteran who was discharged or released under a general discharge, or servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, who suffers from a military service-related mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem, the court may, in addition to any other conditions imposed, impose a

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condition requiring the probationer or community controllee to participate in a treatment program capable of treating the probationer's or community controllee's mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem.

(3) The court shall give preference to treatment programs for which the probationer or community controllee is eligible through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Department of Corrections is not required to spend state funds to implement this section.

Section 11. Present subsection (4) of section 985.345, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7) and amended, and new subsections (4), (5), and (6) are added to that section, to read:

985.345 Delinquency pretrial intervention program.-

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a child who has been identified as having a mental illness and who has not been previously adjudicated for a felony is eligible for voluntary admission into a delinquency pretrial mental health court program, established pursuant to s. 394.47892, approved by the chief judge of the circuit, for a period to be determined by the court, based on the clinical needs of the child, upon motion of either party or the court's own motion if the child is charged with:

(a) A misdemeanor;

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(b) A	"nonviolent	felony"	as	defined	in	s.	948.01	L(8)	;
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- (c) Resisting an officer with violence under s. 843.01, if the law enforcement officer and state attorney consent to the child's participation;
- (d) Battery on a law enforcement officer under s. 784.07, if the law enforcement officer and state attorney consent to the child's participation; or
- (e) Aggravated assault, if the victim and state attorney consent to the child's participation.
- (5) At the end of the delinquency pretrial intervention period, the court shall consider the recommendation of the state attorney and the program administrator as to disposition of the pending charges. The court shall determine, by written finding, whether the child has successfully completed the delinquency pretrial intervention program. If the court finds that the child has not successfully completed the delinquency pretrial intervention program, the court may order the child to continue in an education, treatment, or monitoring program if resources and funding are available or order that the charges revert to normal channels for prosecution. The court may dismiss the charges upon a finding that the child has successfully completed the delinquency pretrial intervention program.
- (6) A child whose charges are dismissed after successful completion of the mental health court program, if otherwise eligible, may have his or her arrest record and plea of nolo contendere to the dismissed charges expunged under s. 943.0585.

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(7)(4) Any entity, whether public or private, providing pretrial substance abuse education, treatment intervention, drug testing, or and a mental health court urine monitoring program under this section must contract with the county or appropriate governmental entity, and the terms of the contract must include, but need not be limited to, the requirements established for private entities under s. 948.15(3). It is the intent of the Legislature that public or private entities providing substance abuse education and treatment intervention programs involve the active participation of parents, schools, churches, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and the department or its contract providers.

Section 12. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments made by this act to sections 948.01 and 948.06, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsection (5) of section 397.334, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

397.334 Treatment-based drug court programs.

(3) (a) Entry into any postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court program as a condition of probation or community control pursuant to s. 948.01, s. 948.06, or s. 948.20 must be based upon the sentencing court's assessment of the defendant's criminal history, substance abuse screening outcome, amenability to the services of the program, total sentence points, the recommendation of the state attorney and the victim, if any, and the defendant's agreement to enter the program.

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Treatment-based drug court programs may include pretrial intervention programs as provided in ss. 948.08, 948.16, and 985.345, treatment-based drug court programs authorized in chapter 39, postadjudicatory programs as provided in ss. 948.01, 948.06, and 948.20, and review of the status of compliance or noncompliance of sentenced offenders through a treatment-based drug court program. While enrolled in a treatment-based drug court program, the participant is subject to a coordinated strategy developed by a drug court team under subsection (4). The coordinated strategy may include a protocol of sanctions that may be imposed upon the participant for noncompliance with program rules. The protocol of sanctions may include, but is not limited to, placement in a substance abuse treatment program offered by a licensed service provider as defined in s. 397.311 or in a jail-based treatment program or serving a period of secure detention under chapter 985 if a child or a period of incarceration within the time limits established for contempt of court if an adult. The coordinated strategy must be provided in writing to the participant before the participant agrees to enter into a treatment-based drug court program.

Section 13. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 948.06, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 948.012, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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948.012 Split sentence of probation or community control and imprisonment.—

- (2) The court may also impose a split sentence whereby the defendant is sentenced to a term of probation which may be followed by a period of incarceration or, with respect to a felony, into community control, as follows:
- If the offender does not meet the terms and conditions of probation or community control, the court may revoke, modify, or continue the probation or community control as provided in s. 948.06. If the probation or community control is revoked, the court may impose any sentence that it could have imposed at the time the offender was placed on probation or community control. The court may not provide credit for time served for any portion of a probation or community control term toward a subsequent term of probation or community control. However, the court may not impose a subsequent term of probation or community control which, when combined with any amount of time served on preceding terms of probation or community control for offenses pending before the court for sentencing, would exceed the maximum penalty allowable as provided in s. 775.082. Such term of incarceration shall be served under applicable law or county ordinance governing service of sentences in state or county jurisdiction. This paragraph does not prohibit any other sanction provided by law.

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## TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 6-42 and insert:

F.S.; authorizing the funding for mental health court programs; providing legislative intent; providing for eligibility; providing program requirements; providing requirements for mental health court programs and counties that participate in the program; requiring the state courts system to establish at least one coordinator position in each mental health court program, contingent upon an annual appropriation; annually report to the Office of the State Courts Administrator specified data, programmatic information, and aggregate data; providing for an advisory committee; amending s. 910.035, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "problem-solving court"; creating s. 916.185, F.S.; creating the Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program; providing legislative findings and intent; providing definitions; requiring the Department of Children and Families to implement a Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program in specified judicial circuits; authorizing the department to request specified budget amendments; providing for eligibility for the program; providing legislative intent concerning training; authorizing rulemaking; amending s. 948.001, F.S.; defining the term "mental health probation"; amending ss. 948.01 and 948.06, F.S.; authorizing courts to order certain offenders on probation or community control to postadjudicatory mental health court programs; amending s. 948.08, F.S.; expanding

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eligibility requirements for certain pretrial intervention programs; providing for voluntary admission into a pretrial mental health court program; amending s. 948.16, F.S.; expanding eligibility of veterans for a misdemeanor pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program; providing eligibility of misdemeanor defendants for a misdemeanor pretrial mental health court program; amending s. 948.21, F.S.; expanding veterans' eligibility for participating in treatment programs while on court-ordered probation or community control; amending s. 985.345, F.S.; authorizing pretrial mental health court programs for certain juvenile offenders; providing for disposition of pending charges after completion of the pretrial intervention program; expanding the services for which an entity must enter into a contract with specified governmental entities if such entity provides such services; reenacting s. 397.334(3)(a) and (5), F.S., relating to treatment-based drug court programs, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 948.01 and 948.06, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 948.012(2)(b), F.S., relating to split sentence probation or community control and imprisonment, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 948.06, F.S., in a reference thereto;

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