

By Senator Gainer

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Forensic Hospital Diversion  
3           Pilot Program; amending s. 916.185, F.S.; authorizing  
4           the Department of Children and Families to implement a  
5           Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program in Okaloosa  
6           County in conjunction with the First Judicial Circuit  
7           in Okaloosa County; providing an effective date.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
12           916.185, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           916.185 Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program.—

14           (3) CREATION.—There is authorized a Forensic Hospital  
15           Diversion Pilot Program to provide competency-restoration and  
16           community-reintegration services in either a locked residential  
17           treatment facility when appropriate or a community-based  
18           facility based on considerations of public safety, the needs of  
19           the individual, and available resources.

20           (a) The department may implement a Forensic Hospital  
21           Diversion Pilot Program modeled after the Miami-Dade Forensic  
22           Alternative Center, taking into account local needs and  
23           resources in Okaloosa County, in conjunction with the First  
24           Judicial Circuit in Okaloosa County; in Duval County, in  
25           conjunction with the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Duval County; in  
26           Broward County, in conjunction with the Seventeenth Judicial  
27           Circuit in Broward County; and in Miami-Dade County, in  
28           conjunction with the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in Miami-Dade  
29           County.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.