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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Human Services
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Kincart Jonsson offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 **Section 1. Section 394.6581, Florida Statutes, is created**
8 **to read:**

9 394.6581.— CRISIS CARE COORDINATION PILOT PROGRAMS.

10 (1) Subject to a specific appropriation, the department
11 shall establish and implement Crisis Care Coordination Pilot
12 Programs in Polk and Volusia counties. The purpose of the pilot
13 programs shall be to reduce repeat involuntary examinations
14 initiated by law enforcement, provide persons who are
15 experiencing an acute mental health crisis an option for crisis
16 intervention other than the use of law enforcement, reduce their

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17 level of follow-up interaction with law enforcement officers
18 post-crisis, and assist them with engagement in behavioral
19 health care.

20 (a) The pilot programs shall facilitate partnerships
21 between law enforcement agencies in those counties and
22 organizations in the coordinated system of care, under s.
23 394.4573, operating in those counties, by placing crisis
24 counselors within law enforcement agencies to intervene with and
25 provide follow-up to persons who are experiencing an acute
26 mental health crisis, their families, and support networks.

27 (b) The programs shall be implemented by nationally
28 accredited community mental health centers in partnership with
29 local law enforcement.

30 (2) Crisis counselors placed in law enforcement agencies
31 shall provide support and assistance to persons who are
32 experiencing or had experienced an acute mental health crisis,
33 connecting them to the coordinated system of care. Duties of
34 crisis counselors shall include:

35 (a) Intervening when law enforcement is contacted
36 regarding a person's crisis to make observations and provide
37 information to responding officers, conduct assessments,
38 deescalate the crisis situation, or provide referrals, as
39 appropriate.

40 (b) Follow up with such persons following an acute mental
41 health crisis involving law enforcement, such as an involuntary

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42 examination, as defined in s. 394.455, initiated by law
43 enforcement. A person's involvement with follow-up shall be
44 voluntary. Such follow up by crisis counselors may include, but
45 need not be limited to:

46 i. Conducting assessments.

47 ii. Providing individualized safety planning tailored to
48 the person's needs and risks.

49 iii. Providing supportive counseling.

50 iv. Assisting persons in accessing recommended mental
51 health services and substance abuse services.

52 v. Assisting persons in adhering to discharge plans.

53 vi. Providing care coordination, as defined in s.
54 394.4573, unless a person is already receiving that service from
55 another organization.

56 (3) The pilot programs shall establish formal partnerships
57 through written referral agreements and information exchange
58 procedures with, at a minimum, providers of mental health
59 services and substance abuse services, local hospitals licensed
60 under ch. 395, and not-for-profit agencies and other
61 organizations which can be of assistance to persons who are or
62 have been in an acute mental health crisis, and their families
63 and support networks. Such agreements shall, at a minimum,
64 facilitate timely access to community-based behavioral health
65 services and other local systems and entities as outlined in the
66 person's discharge plan.

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67 (4) The department shall contract for an independent
68 evaluation of the pilot programs regarding, at a minimum, their
69 effectiveness and return on investment. The department shall
70 submit a report of the findings of the evaluation of the pilot
71 programs to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
72 Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 15, 2029,
73 which addresses at a minimum:

74 (a) The amount of time that law enforcement officers were
75 engaged in responses to persons who were experiencing or had
76 experienced an acute mental health crisis.

77 (b) Repeat involuntary examinations initiated by law
78 enforcement.

79 (c) Engagement in post-crisis mental health and substance
80 abuse services among persons served by the programs.

81 (d) The effectiveness of the pilot program services.

82 (e) Recommendations regarding enhancements, continuation,
83 and expansion of the pilot programs.

84 (5) The department may adopt rules to implement this
85 section.

86 (6) This section expires June 30, 2029.

87 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

91 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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92 An act relating to crisis care coordination; creating
93 s. 394.6581, F.S.; requiring subject to an
94 appropriation, the Department of Children and Families
95 to implement Crisis Care Coordination Pilot Programs
96 in specified counties for certain purposes; providing
97 requirements for the pilot programs; requiring the
98 department to engage a third party for an independent
99 evaluation of the pilot programs; granting the
100 department rulemaking authority; providing an
101 expiration date; providing an effective date.