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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to problem-solving court reports;  
3       amending s. 43.51, F.S.; requiring specified data to  
4       be included in problem-solving court reports; amending  
5       ss. 394.47892 and 397.334, F.S.; conforming provisions  
6       to changes made by the act; revising the frequency  
7       with which mental health and treatment-based drug  
8       court program reports, respectively, must be reported  
9       to the Office of the State Courts Administrator;  
10      providing an effective date.

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

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14       **Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 43.51, Florida**  
15   **Statutes, is amended to read:**

16       43.51   Problem-solving court reports.—

17       (1)   The Office of the State Courts Administrator shall  
18   provide an annual report to the President of the Senate and the  
19   Speaker of the House of Representatives which details the number  
20   of participants in each problem-solving court for each fiscal  
21   year the court has been operating and the types of services  
22   provided, identifies each source of funding for each court  
23   during each fiscal year, and provides information on the  
24   performance of each court based upon outcome measures  
25   established by the courts. The report shall, at a minimum,

26 include uniform aggregate data regarding:

27 (a) The number of participants by court type.

28 (b) Participant primary offenses that resulted in the  
29 court program referral or sentence, treatment compliance,  
30 completion status and reasons for failure to complete, offenses  
31 committed during treatment and the sanctions imposed, frequency  
32 of court appearances, and units of service.

33 (c) Participant recidivism rate by category, including new  
34 arrests, new adjudications, and new felony adjudications.

35 (d) Participant changes in the status of employment,  
36 housing, and child custody during program participation.

37 (e) Other uniform information that demonstrates the  
38 effectiveness of the program.

39 **Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section**  
40 **394.47892, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

41 394.47892 Mental health court programs.—

42 (5)

43 (b) Each mental health court program shall collect  
44 sufficient client-level data and programmatic information for  
45 purposes of program evaluation under s. 43.51. Client-level data  
46 includes primary offenses that resulted in the mental health  
47 court program referral or sentence, treatment compliance,  
48 completion status and reasons for failure to complete, offenses  
49 committed during treatment and the sanctions imposed, frequency  
50 of court appearances, and units of service. Programmatic

51 information includes referral and screening procedures,  
52 eligibility criteria, type and duration of treatment offered,  
53 and residential treatment resources. The programmatic  
54 information and aggregate data ~~on the number of mental health~~  
55 ~~court program admissions and terminations by type of termination~~  
56 shall be reported at least quarterly ~~annually by each mental~~  
57 ~~health court program~~ to the Office of the State Courts  
58 Administrator.

59 **Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section**  
60 **397.334, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

61 397.334 Treatment-based drug court programs.—

62 (6)

63 (b) Each treatment-based drug court program shall collect  
64 sufficient client-level data and programmatic information for  
65 purposes of program evaluation under s. 43.51. Client-level data  
66 includes primary offenses that resulted in the treatment-based  
67 drug court program referral or sentence, treatment compliance,  
68 completion status and reasons for failure to complete, offenses  
69 committed during treatment and the sanctions imposed, frequency  
70 of court appearances, and units of service. Programmatic  
71 information includes referral and screening procedures,  
72 eligibility criteria, type and duration of treatment offered,  
73 and residential treatment resources. Each treatment-based drug  
74 court program must ~~annually~~ report at least quarterly the  
75 programmatic information and aggregate data ~~on the number of~~

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~~treatment-based drug court program admissions and terminations~~  
~~by type of termination~~ to the Office of the State Courts  
Administrator.

**Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.