

CHAPTER 2017-183

House Bill No. 1051

An act relating to the Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program; amending s. 916.185, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Children and Families to implement a Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program in Okaloosa County in conjunction with the First Judicial Circuit in Okaloosa County; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 916.185, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

916.185 Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program.—

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

(a) The department may implement a Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program modeled after the Miami-Dade Forensic Alternative Center, taking into account local needs and resources in Okaloosa County, in conjunction with the First Judicial Circuit in Okaloosa County; 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.

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

Approved by the Governor June 26, 2017.

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