

CHAPTER 2026-139

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 820

An act relating to problem-solving court reports; amending s. 43.51, F.S.; requiring the Office of the State Courts Administrator to provide a problem-solving court report to the Legislature annually by a specified date; revising information that must be included in such report; revising the definition of the term “problem-solving court”; amending ss. 39.01304, 394.47891, 394.47892, and 397.334, F.S.; requiring specified court programs to collect certain data and information for program evaluation; requiring each such court program to report such data and information annually to the office; specifying requirements for the annual problem-solving court report prepared by the office; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 43.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

43.51 Problem-solving court reports.—

(1) The Office of the State Courts Administrator shall provide an annual report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on problem-solving courts no later than January 31 of each year for the previous fiscal year. The report must:

(a) Provide all of the following information for each problem-solving court:

1. which details The number of participants for the in each problem-solving court for each fiscal year, the court has been operating and

2. The types of services provided,;

3. identifies Each source of funding for the each court during each fiscal year,; and

4. provides Information on the performance of the each court based upon outcome measures established by the courts.

(b) Provide all of the following uniform aggregate data for each problem-solving court:

1. The number of participants.

2. Participant primary offense that resulted in the court program referral or sentence, if applicable.

3. Treatment compliance.

- 4. Program completion status and reasons for any failure to complete.
- 5. Offenses committed during program participation, if applicable.
- 6. Frequency of court appearances.
- 7. Units of service.
- 8. Participant changes in the status of employment, housing, and child custody during program participation.
- 9. Other uniform information that demonstrates the effectiveness of the program.

(2) For purposes of this section, the term “problem-solving court” includes, but is not limited to, a drug court pursuant to s. 397.334, s. 948.01, s. 948.06, s. 948.08, s. 948.16, or s. 948.20; a dependency drug court pursuant to s. 39.507 or s. 39.521; an early childhood court pursuant to s. 39.01304; a veterans treatment court program pursuant to s. 394.47891, s. 948.08, s. 948.16, or s. 948.21; a mental health court program pursuant to s. 394.47892, s. 948.01, s. 948.06, s. 948.08, or s. 948.16; a ~~community court pursuant to s. 948.081; or a delinquency pretrial intervention court program pursuant to s. 985.345.~~

Section 2. Present subsection (2) of section 39.01304, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (3), and a new subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

39.01304 Early childhood court programs.—

(2) Each early childhood court program shall collect the data and information prescribed in s. 43.51(1) for purposes of program evaluation. In addition, early childhood court programs shall collect the number of admissions and terminations, referral and screening procedures, eligibility criteria, type and duration of treatment offered, and residential treatment resources. Each early childhood court program shall report annually to the Office of the State Courts Administrator the data and information required to be collected under this subsection.

Section 3. Present subsection (12) of section 394.47891, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (13), and a new subsection (12) is added to that section, to read:

394.47891 Veterans treatment court programs.—

(12) PROGRAM DATA.—Each veterans treatment court program shall collect the data and information prescribed in s. 43.51(1) for purposes of program evaluation. In addition, veterans treatment court programs shall collect the number of admissions and terminations, referral and screening procedures, eligibility criteria, type and duration of treatment offered, and residential treatment resources. Each veterans treatment court program

shall report annually to the Office of the State Courts Administrator the data and information required to be collected under this subsection.

Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 394.47892, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

394.47892 Mental health court programs.—

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(b) Each mental health court program shall collect the sufficient client-level data and programmatic information prescribed in s. 43.51(1) for purposes of program evaluation. In addition, mental health court programs shall collect the number of admissions and terminations, Client-level data includes 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 criteria, type and duration of treatment offered, and residential treatment resources. Each mental health court program shall report annually to the Office of the State Courts Administrator the data and information required to be collected under this paragraph ~~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.~~

Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 397.334, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

397.334 Treatment-based drug court programs.—

(6)

(b) Each treatment-based drug court program shall collect the sufficient client-level data and programmatic information prescribed in s. 43.51(1) for purposes of program evaluation. In addition, treatment-based drug court programs shall collect the number of admissions and terminations, Client-level data includes primary offenses that resulted in the treatment-based drug 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 criteria, type and duration of treatment offered, and residential treatment resources. Each treatment-based drug court program shall must annually report annually to the Office of the State Courts Administrator the data and programmatic information required to be collected under this paragraph ~~and aggregate data on the number of~~

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

Section 6. The annual problem-solving court report prepared by the Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA) pursuant to s. 43.51, Florida Statutes, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year must provide uniform aggregate data required by s. 43.51, Florida Statutes, for at least 30 percent of problem-solving courts funded by the state courts system's problem-solving courts appropriation. The annual problem-solving court report prepared by OSCA pursuant to s. 43.51, Florida Statutes, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year must provide uniform aggregate data required by s. 43.51, Florida Statutes, for every problem-solving court funded by the state courts system's problem-solving court appropriation. For the 2027-2028 fiscal year, and every fiscal year thereafter, the annual problem-solving court report prepared by OSCA pursuant to s. 43.51, Florida Statutes, must provide uniform aggregate data required by s. 43.51, Florida Statutes, for all problem-solving courts.

Section 7. The amendments made by this act to ss. 39.01304, 394.47891, 394.47892, and 397.334, Florida Statutes, shall apply to court programs funded by the state courts system's problem-solving court appropriation on the effective date of this act and shall apply to all other court programs on July 1, 2027.

Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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