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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
 2 Committee

3 Representative Garrison offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Part VI of chapter 395, Florida Statutes,
 8 consisting of ss. 395.901 and 395.902, Florida Statutes, is
 9 created and entitled "Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals."

10 Section 2. Section 395.901, Florida Statutes, is created
 11 to read:

12 395.901 Definitions; findings; intent.-

13 (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this part, the term:

14 (a) "Agency" means the Agency for Health Care

15 Administration.

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16 (b) "Behavioral health" means the prevention, treatment
17 of, and recovery from any or all of the following disorders:
18 substance use disorders, mental health disorders, or co-
19 occurring disorders.

20 (c) "Behavioral health professions" means licensed or
21 certified professionals serving the needs of patients with
22 behavioral health disorders including, but not limited to,
23 psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric advanced practice
24 registered nurses, social workers, counselors and therapists,
25 licensed under chapters 458, 459, 490, 464, 491, respectively.

26 (d) "Behavioral health teaching hospital" means a hospital
27 licensed under this chapter and designated by the agency under
28 s. 395.902.

29 (e) "Department" means the Department of Children, and
30 Families.

31 (2) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.-

32 (a) The Legislature finds that there is a critical
33 shortage of behavioral health professionals and recognizes the
34 urgent need to expand the existing behavioral health workforce,
35 prepare for an aging workforce, incentivize entry into
36 behavioral health professions, and train a modernized workforce
37 in innovative integrated care.

38 (b) The Legislature finds there is a specific need to
39 support a behavioral health education system that not only
40 trains the next generation of professionals in innovative and

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41 integrated care for those with behavioral health needs, but also
42 works to modernize the state's overall behavioral health system
43 of care.

44 (c) The Legislature intends to identify and designate
45 multiple behavioral health teaching hospitals that work to
46 provide the necessary research, education, and services to
47 enhance the state's behavioral health workforce and make that
48 workforce and system of care the national standard.

49 (d) The Legislature intends to create the Florida Center
50 for Behavioral Health Workforce within the Louis de la Parte
51 Florida Mental Health Institute to address issues of workforce
52 supply and demand in behavioral health professions, including
53 issues of recruitment, retention, and workforce resources.

54 (e) The Legislature intends for designated behavioral
55 health teaching hospitals to:

56 1. Conduct state-of-the-art behavioral health research.

57 2. Provide leading-edge education and training in
58 innovative and integrated care for the state's behavioral health
59 workforce.

60 3. Collaborate with other university colleges and schools
61 of nursing, psychology, social work, pharmacy, public health,
62 and other relevant disciplines to promote and enhance a
63 modernized behavioral health system of care.

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64 4. Develop, implement, and promote public-private
65 partnerships throughout this state to support and enhance the
66 intent of this part.

67 5. Partner with the state to provide behavioral health
68 care, address regional and system-wide behavioral health needs,
69 and support the state in providing treatment and care for those
70 whose need and acuity has resulted in the need for long-term
71 voluntary services or involuntary civil commitment.

72 Section 3. Section 395.902, Florida Statutes, is created
73 to read:

74 395.902 Behavioral health teaching hospitals.-

75 (1) A licensed hospital may apply to the agency for
76 designation as a behavioral health teaching hospital by
77 submitting an application and documentation establishing
78 eligibility in a manner determined by the agency.

79 (2) To be designated as a behavioral health teaching
80 hospital, a hospital must:

81 (a) Operate as a teaching hospital, as defined in s.
82 408.07.

83 (b) Offer a psychiatric residency program accredited
84 through the Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation
85 Council of Graduate Medical Education, and an accredited
86 postdoctoral clinical psychology fellowship program.

87 (c) Provide behavioral health services.

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88 (d) Affiliate with a university in this state to create
89 and maintain integrated workforce development programs for
90 students of the university's colleges or schools of medicine,
91 nursing, psychology, social work, and public health related to
92 the entire continuum of behavioral health care, including, at a
93 minimum, screening, therapeutic and supportive services,
94 community outpatient care, crisis stabilization, short-term
95 residential treatment, and long-term care.

96 (e) Develop a plan to create and maintain integrated
97 workforce development programs with the affiliated university's
98 colleges or schools and to supervise clinical care provided by
99 students participating in those programs.

100 (3) A designated behavioral health teaching hospital must:

101 (a) Within 90 days after designation, develop, and
102 thereafter maintain, a consultation agreement with the Florida
103 Center for Behavioral Health Workforce within the Louis de la
104 Parte Florida Mental Health Institute to establish best
105 practices related to integrated workforce development programs
106 for the behavioral health professions.

107 (b) Collaborate with the department and regional managing
108 entities as defined in s. 394.9082 to identify gaps in the
109 regional continuum of behavioral health care that are
110 appropriate for the behavioral health teaching hospital to
111 address, either independently or in collaboration with other
112 organizations providing behavioral health services, and which

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113 will facilitate implementation of the plan developed under
114 paragraph (2)(e).

115 (c) Within 90 days after designation, enter into an
116 agreement with the department to provide state treatment
117 facility beds, when determined necessary by the department.

118 (d) Provide data related to the hospital's integrated
119 workforce development programs and the services provided by the
120 hospital to the agency, the department, or the Office of
121 Reimagining Education and Career Help, as determined by the
122 agency, department or office.

123 (4) Upon designating a behavioral health teaching hospital
124 pursuant to s. 395.902, the agency shall, subject to legislative
125 appropriation, award the hospital:

126 (a) Funding for up to 10 newly created resident positions
127 through the Slots for Doctors Program established in s. 409.909.

128 (b) Funding through the Training, Education, and Clinicals
129 in Health (TEACH) Funding Program established in s. 409.91256 to
130 offset the costs of maintaining integrated workforce development
131 programs.

132 (5) A designated behavioral health teaching hospital must
133 report to the agency and department by December 1 annually the
134 current status of the designated behavioral health teaching
135 hospital program, including, but not limited to the:

136 (a) Number of psychiatric residents.

137 (b) Number of postdoctoral clinical psychology fellows.

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138 (c) Status and details of the consultation agreement with
139 and Florida Center for Behavioral Health Workforce within the
140 Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute.

141 (d) Implementation status of the plan required by
142 paragraph (2)(e).

143 (e) Activities, agreements, and accomplishments of the
144 collaboration required by paragraph (3)(b).

145 (f) Number of bed days and patients served under paragraph
146 (3)(c).

147 (6) A behavioral health teaching hospital designation is
148 valid for two years. To renew the designation, the hospital must
149 submit an application for renewal to the agency on a form
150 established by the agency at least 90 days prior to the
151 expiration of the designation. The renewal process is subject to
152 the time periods and tolling provisions of s. 120.60. The agency
153 may deny, revoke, or suspend a designation at any time if a
154 behavioral health teaching hospital is not in compliance with
155 the requirements of this section.

156 (7) There is established within the agency a grant program
157 for the purpose of funding designated behavioral health teaching
158 hospitals, subject to legislative appropriation. Grant funding
159 may be used for operations and expenses, and fixed capital
160 outlay, including, but not limited to, facility renovation and
161 upgrades.

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162 (a) Beginning October 1, 2024, and subject to the
163 availability of funds, the agency shall hold an annual open
164 application period to receive applications from designated
165 behavioral health teaching hospitals on a form established by
166 the agency. Applicants must include a detailed spending plan
167 with the application.

168 (b) The agency, in consultation with the department, shall
169 evaluate and rank grant applications based on the quality of the
170 plan submitted under paragraph (2)(e), or the quality of plan
171 implementation, as applicable, related to achieving the purposes
172 of the behavioral health teaching hospital program, and make
173 recommendations for grant awards and distribution of available
174 funding for such awards. The agency shall submit the evaluation
175 and grant award recommendations to the President of the Senate
176 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within 90 days
177 of the end of the application period.

178 (c) Notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, Florida
179 Statutes, the agency may submit budget amendments, subject to
180 the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177,
181 Florida Statutes, requesting the release of the funds to make
182 awards. The agency is authorized to submit budget amendments
183 relating to capital improvement projects under the grant program
184 only within 90 days after the close of the open application
185 period.

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186 (8) Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351,
187 the balance of any appropriation from the General Revenue Fund
188 for the program which is not disbursed but which is obligated
189 pursuant to contract or committed to be expended by June 30 of
190 the fiscal year in which the funds are appropriated may be
191 carried forward for up to 5 years after the effective date of
192 the original appropriation.

193 (9) The agency may adopt rules necessary to implement this
194 section.

195 Section 4. Subsections (6) and (7) are added to section
196 1004.44, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

197 1004.44 Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health
198 Institute.—There is established the Louis de la Parte Florida
199 Mental Health Institute within the University of South Florida.

200 (6)(a) There is established within the institute the
201 Florida Center for Behavioral Health Workforce. The purpose of
202 the center is to support an adequate, highly skilled, resilient,
203 and innovative workforce that meets the current and future human
204 resources needs of the state's behavioral health system in order
205 to provide high-quality care, services, and supports to
206 Floridians with, or at risk of developing, behavioral health
207 conditions through original research, policy analysis,
208 evaluation, and development and dissemination of best practices.
209 The goals of the center are, at a minimum, to research the
210 state's current behavioral health workforce and future needs;

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211 expand the number of clinicians, professionals, and other
212 workers involved in the behavioral health workforce; and enhance
213 the skill level and innovativeness of the workforce. The center
214 shall, at a minimum:

215 1. Describe and analyze the current workforce and project
216 possible future workforce demand, especially in critical roles,
217 and develop strategies for addressing any gaps. The center's
218 efforts may include, but need not be limited to, producing a
219 statistically valid biennial analysis of the supply and demand
220 of the behavioral health workforce.

221 2. Work to expand pathways to behavioral health
222 professions through enhanced educational opportunities and
223 improved faculty development and retention. The center's efforts
224 may include, but need not be limited to:

225 a. Identifying best practices in the academic preparation
226 and continuing education of behavioral health professionals.

227 b. Facilitating and coordinating the development of
228 academic-practice partnerships that support behavioral health
229 faculty employment and advancement.

230 c. Developing and implementing innovative projects to
231 support the recruitment, development, and retention of
232 behavioral health educators, faculty, and clinical preceptors.

233 d. Developing distance learning infrastructure for
234 behavioral health education and the evidence-based use of
235 technology, simulation, and distance learning techniques.

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236 3. Promote behavioral health professions. The center's
237 efforts may include, but need not be limited to:
238 a. Conducting original research on the factors affecting
239 recruitment, retention, and advancement of the behavioral health
240 workforce, such as by designing and implementing a longitudinal
241 study of the state's behavioral health workforce.
242 b. Developing and implementing innovative projects to
243 support the recruitment, development, and retention of
244 behavioral health workers.
245 (c) The center may:
246 1. Convene groups, including but not limited to,
247 behavioral health clinicians, professionals, and workers;
248 employers of these individuals; other health care providers;
249 individuals with behavioral health conditions and their
250 families; business and industry leaders; policymakers; and
251 educators to assist it in its work.
252 2. Request from any board as defined in s. 456.001, and
253 the board must provide to the center upon its request, any
254 information held by the board regarding a behavioral health
255 professional licensed in this state or holding a multistate
256 license pursuant to a professional multistate licensure compact
257 or information reported to the board by employers of such
258 behavioral health professionals, other than personal identifying
259 information.

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260 (d) By January 10 of each year, the center shall submit a
261 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
262 Speaker of the House of Representatives providing details of its
263 activities during the preceding calendar year in pursuit of its
264 goals and in the execution of its duties under paragraph (b).
265 The report submitted in 2025 shall include an initial statewide
266 strategic plan for meeting the goals in subsection (2), which
267 shall be updated in each subsequent report.

268 (7) The Board of Governors and the State Board of
269 Education, in consultation with the center, shall expeditiously
270 adopt any necessary regulations and rules, as applicable, to
271 allow the center to perform its responsibilities beginning in
272 the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

273 Section 5. Effective upon this act becoming a law, the
274 Department of Children and Families must contract for a study of
275 the current and projected future demand for inpatient treatment
276 services for adults and children with serious mental illness,
277 the state's current and projected future ability to meet that
278 demand, and recommendations for enhancing the availability of
279 inpatient treatment services and for providing alternatives to
280 such services. The study must consider the demand for both civil
281 and forensic inpatient placements. The study must be completed
282 by January 31, 2025, and at a minimum:

283 (1) Describe, by state treatment facility, the current
284 number and allocation of beds for inpatient treatment between

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285 forensic and civil placements, number of individuals admitted
286 and discharged annually, types and frequency of diagnoses, and
287 lengths of stay.

288 (2) Describe, by department region, the current number and
289 allocation of beds in receiving facilities for inpatient
290 treatment between forensic and civil placements, number of
291 individuals admitted and discharged annually, types and
292 frequency of diagnoses, and lengths of stay.

293 (3) Specify:

294 (a) the current and projected future demand for civil and
295 forensic inpatient placements at state treatment facilities and
296 at receiving facilities, by region.

297 (b) any gaps in current and future availability of these
298 services compared to current service availability.

299 (c) the number of inpatient beds needed by facility type,
300 region of state, and placement type, to meet current and
301 projected future demand.

302 (4) Describe policy recommendations for ensuring sufficient
303 bed capacity for longer-term involuntary treatment, either at
304 the state treatment facilities or receiving facilities, and
305 enhancing services that could prevent the need for involuntary
306 inpatient placements.

307 Section 6. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
308 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
An act relating to behavioral health teaching hospitals;
creating part VI of chapter 395, F.S., entitled "Behavioral
Health Teaching Hospitals"; creating s. 395.901, F.S.; defining
the terms "agency", "behavioral health", "behavioral health
professions", "behavioral health teaching hospital", and
"Department"; providing legislative findings and intent;
creating s. 395.902, F.S.; specifying the manner in which
hospitals may seek designation as a behavioral health teaching
hospital; specifying criteria that a hospital must meet to
receive such designation; specifying criteria that a hospital
must meet to maintain such designation; requiring the agency to
award a hospital certain funds upon designation, subject to
appropriation; requiring a designated behavioral health teaching
hospital to submit an annual report; providing a term of years
for the designation and a process for a hospital to renew the
designation; authorizing the agency to deny, revoke, or suspend
the designation; establishing a grant program for the purpose of
funding designated behavioral health teaching hospitals;
providing an administrative process to receive, evaluate, and
rank applications that request grant funds; authorizing the
agency to submit a budget amendment to the Legislature
requesting the release of grant funds to make awards; providing

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335 a carry forward term of years for obligated funds not disbursed
336 in the same year in which the funds were appropriated;
337 authorizing the agency to adopt rules; amending s. 1004.44,
338 F.S.; establishing the Florida Center for Behavioral Health
339 Workforce within the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health
340 Institute and the University of South Florida for specified
341 purpose; specifying the goals for the center; requiring the
342 center to describe and analyze the current workforce, project
343 future workforce demand, and develop strategies to address gaps;
344 requiring the center to expand pathways to the behavioral health
345 professions; requiring the center to promote the behavioral
346 health professions; specifying the minimum requirements of the
347 center; authorizing the center to convene certain groups;
348 authorizing the center to request, and requiring certain boards
349 to provide, certain information regarding behavioral health
350 professionals licensed or practicing in this state; requiring
351 the center to submit an annual report; requiring the Board of
352 Governors and the State Board of Education to adopt any
353 necessary regulations and rules in an expeditious manner;
354 requiring the Department of Children and Families to contract
355 for a study of the current and projected future demand for
356 inpatient treatment services, the state's current and projected
357 future ability to meet that demand, and to make certain
358 recommendations; specifying requirements for the study;
359 providing effective dates.

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