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A bill to be entitled An act relating to coordinated systems of care for children; creating s. 1006.05, F.S.; defining the term "care coordinator"; requiring certain school districts to be guided by and adhere to a specified mental health and treatment support system for certain children; requiring school districts to contract with managing entities to provide care coordinators for certain students; requiring that a care coordinator provided by the managing entity be placed in certain school districts for specified purposes; requiring school districts to address certain recommendations and meet specified performance outcomes; requiring each school district to report annually to the Department of Education on certain performance outcomes and the allocation and expenditure of certain funding; providing an effective date. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Section 1. Section 1006.05, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 1006.05 Mental health coordinated system of care. -(1) For purposes of this section, the term "care coordinator" means a person who is responsible for participating

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in the development and implementation of a services plan, linking service providers to a child or adolescent and his or her family, monitoring the delivery of services, providing advocacy, collecting information to determine the effect of services and treatment, and performing care coordination as defined in s. 394.4573(1).

- effective implementation of a coordinated system of care
 pursuant to ss. 394.4573 and 394.495, each school district that
 provides mental health assessment, diagnosis, intervention,
 treatment, and recovery services to students diagnosed with one
 or more mental health or any co-occurring substance use disorder
 and students at high risk of such diagnoses must be guided by
 and adhere to the guiding principles of the mental health
 treatment and support system as provided under s. 394.491.
- (3) (a) School districts shall contract with managing entities to provide care coordinators for students with complex behavioral health needs who continue to experience adverse outcomes due to unmet needs or an inability to engage.
- (b) A care coordinator provided by the managing entity must be placed in each school district implementing a coordinated system of care to ensure that students are receiving necessary services and that appropriate funds are being used to support the cost of treatment, including all available public and private health insurance funds, before school-based mental

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- (c) When a student is identified as having experienced an involuntary admission to an acute psychiatric care facility, school districts must address recommendations from the care coordinator provided by the managing entity upon the return of the student to the school setting.
- (4)(a) Pursuant to s. 394.494, each school district shall meet the general performance outcomes for the child and adolescent mental health treatment and support system.
- (b) Each school district shall report annually to the department on the general performance outcomes for the child and adolescent mental health treatment and support system and how the support system funding is allocated and spent.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.