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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to community mobile support teams;
3	amending s. 394.495, F.S.; requiring the Department of
4	Children and Families to contract with managing
5	entities for community mobile support teams to place
6	certain crisis counselors within local law enforcement
7	agencies to conduct follow-up contacts with certain
8	persons; providing requirements for crisis counselors,
9	community mobile support teams, and certain community
10	mental health centers; 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 (8) is added to section 394.495,
15	Florida Statutes, to read:
16	394.495 Child and adolescent mental health system of care;
17	programs and services
18	(8)(a) The department shall contract with managing
19	entities for community mobile support teams throughout the state
20	to place crisis counselors from community mental health centers
21	in local law enforcement agencies. The counselors shall conduct
22	follow-up contacts with children, adolescents, and adults who
23	have been involuntarily committed under the Baker Act by a law
24	enforcement officer. The goal of the community mobile support
25	team through its partnership with law enforcement is to reduce
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26	recidivism of involuntary commitments under the Baker Act by law
27	enforcement, reduce the time burden of law enforcement
28	completing follow-up work with persons after commitment under
29	the Baker Act, provide additional crisis intervention services,
30	assist persons with engagement in mental health care, and give
31	persons another option for mental health crisis intervention
32	other than the use of law enforcement.
33	(b) A community mobile support team crisis counselor
34	shall, at a minimum:
35	1. Provide follow-up care to individuals in the community
36	that law enforcement has identified as needing additional mental
37	health support.
38	2. Conduct home visits to assist a person with connecting
39	with the appropriate aftercare services in his or her community
40	following his or her discharge from a Baker Act receiving
41	facility.
42	3. Provide support to aid a person during the transition
43	period from his or her release from commitment under the Baker
44	Act to connection with aftercare services.
45	4. Provide brief crisis counseling and assessment for
46	additional needs.
47	(c) A community mobile support team shall offer, at a
48	minimum, all of the following services:
49	1. Crisis assessment.
50	2. Community-based crisis counseling.
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51 3. In-person, follow-up care after involuntary commitment 52 under the Baker Act by a law enforcement officer. 53 4. Assistance with accessing and engaging in aftercare 54 services. 55 5. Assistance with obtaining other necessary community 56 resources to maintain stability. 57 6. Coordination of safety planning. (d) A community mental health center contracted by a 58 59 managing entity to provide a community mobile support team must: 60 1. Collaborate with local law enforcement offices in the planning, development, and program evaluation processes. 61 62 2. Require that services be made available 7 days a week. 3. Establish independent response protocols and 63 64 memorandums of understanding with local law enforcement 65 agencies. 66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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