

**225.11 Initiating commitment procedures.**

When a court finds upon completion of a hearing held pursuant to [section 229.12](#) that the contention that a respondent is seriously mentally impaired has been sustained by clear and convincing evidence, and the application filed under [section 229.6](#) also contends or the court otherwise concludes that it would be appropriate to refer the respondent to the state psychiatric hospital for a complete psychiatric evaluation and appropriate treatment pursuant to [section 229.13](#), the judge may order that a financial investigation be made in the manner prescribed by [section 225.13](#). If the costs of a respondent's evaluation or treatment are payable in whole or in part by a county, an order under [this section](#) shall be for referral of the respondent through the central point of coordination process\* for an evaluation and referral of the respondent to an appropriate placement or service, which may include the state psychiatric hospital for additional evaluation or treatment. For purposes of [this chapter](#), "*central point of coordination process*" means the same as defined in [section 331.440](#).\*

[C77, 79, 81, §225.11]

[96 Acts, ch 1183, §9](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1090, §33](#)

\*Section 331.440, which implements the central point of coordination process, is repealed; corrective legislation is pending