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An act relating to the board of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc.; amending s. 1009.986, F.S.; revising the composition of the membership of the Florida ABLE, Inc., board of directors; removing a limit on the number of terms that certain reappointed members may serve; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 1009.986, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.986 Florida ABLE program.—

- (3) DIRECT-SUPPORT ORGANIZATION; FLORIDA ABLE, INC.-
- (d)1. The board of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc., shall consist of:
- a. The chair of the Florida Prepaid College Board, who shall serve as the chair of the board of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc.
- b. <u>Up to three individuals</u> <u>One individual</u> who <u>possess</u> possesses knowledge, skill, and experience in the areas of accounting, risk management, or investment management, <u>one of whom may be a current member of the Florida Prepaid College Board</u>, who shall be appointed by the Florida Prepaid College Board. A current member of the Florida Prepaid College Board, other than the chair, may be appointed.
- c. One individual who possesses knowledge, skill, and experience in the areas of accounting, risk management, or investment management, who shall be appointed by the Governor.

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- d. Two individuals who are advocates of persons with disabilities, one of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At least one of the individuals appointed under this sub-subparagraph must be an advocate of persons with developmental disabilities, as that term is defined in s. 393.063.
- 2.a. The term of the <u>appointees</u> appointee under subsubparagraph 1.b. shall be up to 3 years as determined by the Florida Prepaid College Board. Such <u>appointees</u> appointee may be reappointed.
- b. The term of the appointees under sub-subparagraphs 1.c. and d. shall be 3 years. Such appointees may be reappointed  $\frac{\text{for}}{\text{up to one consecutive term}}$ .
- 3. Unless authorized by the board of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc., an individual director has no authority to control or direct the operations of Florida ABLE, Inc., or the actions of its officers and employees.
  - 4. The board of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc.:
- a. Shall meet at least quarterly and at other times upon the call of the chair.
- b. May use any method of telecommunications to conduct, or establish a quorum at, its meetings or the meetings of a subcommittee or other subdivision if the public is given proper notice of the telecommunications meeting and provided reasonable access to observe and, if appropriate, to participate.
- 5. A majority of the total current membership of the board of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc., constitutes a quorum of the board.

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6. Members of the board of directors of Florida ABLE, Inc., and the board's subcommittees or other subdivisions shall serve without compensation; however, the members may be reimbursed for reasonable, necessary, and actual travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.