

Committee on Education

HB 371 — Assistive Technology Devices

by Rep. Ausley and others (CS/SB 772 by Education Committee and Senator Rouson)

The bill revises provisions related to the use of assistive technology devices by students with disabilities. Specifically, the bill:

- Recognizes that access to and use of the assistive technology device is essential for a student moving from school to home and community;
- Allows an individualized plan for employment to be one of the plans that may serve as the basis for a student to retain an assistive technology device through a transition; and
- Adds the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice within the Florida Department of Education to the group of educational entities required to enter into interagency agreements with specified agencies, as appropriate, for the transaction of assistive technology devices.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 118-0