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Amendment No. Barcode 795632

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Senator Geller moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 26, line 31,

insert:

Section 20. Subsection (1) of section 413.407,
Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

413.407 Assistive Technology Advisory Council.--There
is created the Assistive Technology Advisory Council,
responsible for ensuring consumer involvement in the creation,
application, and distribution of technology-related assistance
to and for persons who have disabilities. The council shall
fulfill its responsibilities through statewide policy
development, both state and federal legislative initiatives,
advocacy at both the state and federal level, planning of
statewide resource allocations, policy-level management,
reviews of both consumer responsiveness and the adequacy of
program service delivery, and by performing the functions
listed in this section.

(1)(a) The council shall be composed of:

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1 1. Nine persons who have disabilities and who are
2 assistive technology consumers or representatives of consumer
3 organizations concerned with assistive technology.

4 2. Up to nine representatives of business and
5 industry, including the insurance industry, concerned with
6 assistive technology.

7 3. Up to nine representatives of academia, community
8 agencies, and state agencies concerned with assistive
9 technology.

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11 Total membership on the council shall not exceed 27 at any one
12 time.

13 (b) Members of the council shall be appointed by the
14 Commissioner of Education ~~secretary~~ from a list of candidates
15 proposed by the division director.

16 (c) A majority of council members shall be persons who
17 have disabilities as described in s. 706(8)(B) of the act who
18 are also consumers of assistive technology or family members
19 of such persons.

20 (d) The members of the council shall select a
21 chairperson and a co-chairperson ~~two co-chairs~~ from ~~among~~ the
22 membership of the council.

23 1. One chairperson ~~co-chair~~ may be selected from the
24 group described in paragraph (c) and one chairperson ~~co-chair~~
25 shall be selected from the other council members.

26 2. No chairperson ~~co-chair~~ may be an elected member or
27 an employee of a state agency or of any political subdivision
28 of the state.

29 3. The co-chairperson shall administer the council in
30 the absence of the chairperson.

31 4. The co-chairperson shall assume the role of the

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1 chairperson after a 1 year term.

2 5. A new co-chairperson shall be selected by the
3 membership of the council.

4 (e)1. Each member of the council shall serve for a
5 term of not more than 3 years, except that:

6 a. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring
7 prior to the expiration of the term for which a predecessor
8 was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such
9 term.

10 b. The terms of service of the members shall be
11 staggered through initial appointments of 3 years for
12 one-third, 2 years for one-third, and 1 year for one-third.
13 Each eligible group described in paragraph (a) shall reflect
14 this distribution.

15 2. No member of the council may serve more than two
16 consecutive terms; however, any appointment under
17 sub-subparagraph 1.a., if for less than 18 months, shall not
18 be considered a term for the purposes of this section.

19 (f) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the
20 council shall be filled in the same manner as the original
21 appointment. A vacancy does not affect the power of the
22 remaining members to execute the duties of the council.

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24 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 On page 2, line 18, following the semicolon

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31 insert:

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1 revising membership of the Assistive Technology
2 Advisory Council;
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