

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to assistive technology devices and
3 services; requiring interagency agreements to ensure that
4 assistive technology devices remain with a young person
5 with disabilities as he or she makes certain transitions;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Accessibility, utilization, and coordination of
11 appropriate assistive technology devices and services are
12 essential as a young person with disabilities moves from
13 preschool to school, from one school to another, and from school
14 to employment or independent living. To ensure that an assistive
15 technology device issued to a young person as part of his or her
16 individual support plan or individual education plan remains
17 with the individual through such transitions, interagency
18 agreements shall be developed and executed. The request that an
19 assistive technology device remain with an individual as he or
20 she moves through the continuum from home to school to
21 postschool must be made by the individual or his or her parent
22 or guardian. Interagency agreements shall be entered into by the
23 following:

24 (1) The Florida Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention
25 Program in the Division of Children's Medical Services of the
26 Department of Health.

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27 (2) The Division of Blind Services, the Bureau of
28 Exceptional Education and Student Services, and the Division of
29 Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Education.

30 (3) The Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program
31 administered by the Department of Education and the Agency for
32 Workforce Innovation.

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34 Interagency agreements shall provide a system for ensuring that
35 young persons with disabilities and their families, educators,
36 and employers are informed about the utilization and
37 coordination of assistive technology devices and services that
38 may assist in meeting transition needs.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.