

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Choice & Innovation Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to assistive technology devices; creating  
7 s. 1003.571, F.S.; providing legislative findings;  
8 requiring interagency agreements to ensure that assistive  
9 technology devices issued to young persons with  
10 disabilities remain with the individuals through certain  
11 transitions; establishing requirements for interagency  
12 agreements; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 1003.571, Florida Statutes, is created  
17 to read:

18 1003.571 Assistive technology devices; findings;  
19 interagency agreements.--

20 (1) The Legislature finds that accessibility, utilization,  
21 and coordination of appropriate assistive technology devices and  
22 services are essential as a young person with disabilities moves

23 | from preschool to school, from one school to another, and from  
 24 | school to employment or independent living.

25 | (2) To ensure that an assistive technology device issued  
 26 | to a young person as part of his or her individual support plan  
 27 | or individual education plan remains with the individual through  
 28 | such transitions, the following agencies shall enter into  
 29 | interagency agreements, as appropriate, to ensure the transition  
 30 | of assistive technology devices:

31 | (a) The Florida Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention  
 32 | Program in the Division of Children's Medical Services of the  
 33 | Department of Health.

34 | (b) The Division of Blind Services, the Bureau of  
 35 | Exceptional Education and Student Services, and the Division of  
 36 | Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Education.

37 | (c) The Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
 38 | administered by the Department of Education and the Agency for  
 39 | Workforce Innovation.

40 | (3) Interagency agreements entered into pursuant to this  
 41 | section shall:

42 | (a) Provide a framework for ensuring that young persons  
 43 | with disabilities and their families, educators, and employers  
 44 | are informed about the utilization and coordination of assistive  
 45 | technology devices and services that may assist in meeting  
 46 | transition needs.

47 | (b) Establish a mechanism by which a young person or his  
 48 | or her parent may request that an assistive technology device  
 49 | remain with the young person as he or she moves through the  
 50 | continuum from home to school to postschool.

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