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The Committee on Children and Families (Fasano) recommended  
the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Interagency Services Committee for Youth  
and Young Adults with Disabilities.--

(1) There is created the Interagency Services  
Committee for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities. It is  
the intent of the Legislature that the committee establish  
goals to ensure successful transition to employment or further  
education of youth and young adults with disabilities and to  
eliminate barriers that impede educational opportunities  
leading to future employment.

(2)(a) The committee shall consist of heads, or their  
designees, of the following agencies and bureaus or divisions  
of agencies: the Department of Education and, in that  
department, the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student  
Services, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the

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1 Division of Blind Services, the Division of Community  
2 Colleges, workforce education, and the office of interagency  
3 programs; the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; the Agency  
4 for Health Care Administration; the Division of Children's  
5 Medical Services Network in the Department of Health;  
6 children's mental health in the Department of Children and  
7 Family Services; the Department of Juvenile Justice; the  
8 Department of Corrections; the Commission for the  
9 Transportation Disadvantaged; and the Florida Housing Finance  
10 Corporation. Agency representatives must be at least at the  
11 bureau chief level. The committee shall invite representation  
12 from the following private parties: the Able Trust; the  
13 Business Leadership Network; the Florida Advocacy Center; an  
14 individual with a disability; and a parent or guardian of an  
15 individual with a disability. The members of the committee  
16 shall designate one of its members as chairperson.

17 (b) The Department of Children and Family Services,  
18 the Department of Education, the Department of Health, and the  
19 Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall provide staff  
20 support to the committee. Meetings and records of the  
21 committee are subject to ss. 119.07 and 286.011, Florida  
22 Statutes. The chairperson may designate one of the agencies  
23 providing staff support to perform administrative  
24 responsibilities for the committee.

25 (c) Committee members shall serve without compensation  
26 but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in  
27 carrying out their duties as provided in s. 112.061, Florida  
28 Statutes. Members who are public officers or employees shall  
29 be reimbursed through the budget entity through which they are  
30 compensated. Reimbursement for members who are not public  
31 officers or employees shall alternate between the budget

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1 entities represented on the committee.

2 (3) The committee shall:

3 (a) Identify the roles and responsibilities of each  
4 agency with regard to the committee goals.

5 (b) Develop collaborative relationships to identify  
6 and assist in removing federal and state barriers to achieving  
7 the goals.

8 (c) Identify common or comparable performance measures  
9 for all agencies that serve youth and young adults with  
10 disabilities.

11 (d) Design and implement a mechanism to annually  
12 assess the progress toward the goals by each agency.

13 (e) Collect and disseminate information on  
14 research-based practices of state and local agencies on  
15 successful strategies.

16 (f) Develop and implement strategies to educate public  
17 and private employers on the benefit of hiring persons with  
18 disabilities.

19 (g) Develop and implement strategies to encourage each  
20 public employer to hire persons with disabilities.

21 (h) Develop a statewide system of accountability which  
22 would include incentives for persons with disabilities;  
23 service providers, including school districts, technical  
24 centers, and community colleges; and businesses and industries  
25 providing integrated competitive employment to individuals  
26 with disabilities.

27 (4) The committee shall present a report of its  
28 progress to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
29 Speaker of the House of Representatives by March 1, 2007, and  
30 a final report on its findings and recommendations by January  
31 1, 2008. The committee is abolished on June 1, 2008.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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5 And the title is amended as follows:

6 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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8 and insert:

9 A bill to be entitled

10 An act relating to youth and young adults with  
11 disabilities; creating the Interagency Services  
12 Committee for Youth and Young Adults with  
13 Disabilities; providing legislative intent;  
14 providing that the committee be staffed by  
15 member agencies of the committee; providing for  
16 the membership of the committee; providing  
17 duties and responsibilities for the committee;  
18 requiring the committee to submit a report to  
19 the Governor and the Legislature; providing an  
20 effective date.

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