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Senator Wise moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment

On page 1, line 18, through
page 4, line 1, delete those lines

and insert:

(1) The Agency for Persons with Disabilities may create the Interagency Services Committee for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities. It is the intent of the Legislature that the committee develop strategies 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 Division of Blind Services, the Division of Community Colleges, workforce education, and the office of interagency

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1 programs; the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; the Agency
2 for Health Care Administration; the Division of Children's
3 Medical Services Network in the Department of Health;
4 children's mental health in the Department of Children and
5 Family Services; the Department of Juvenile Justice; the
6 Department of Corrections; the Commission for the
7 Transportation Disadvantaged; and the Florida Housing Finance
8 Corporation. Agency representatives must be at least at the
9 bureau chief level. The committee may invite representation
10 from the following private and public parties: the Able Trust;
11 the Business Leadership Network; the Florida Advocacy Center;
12 the Governor's Americans with Disabilities Act Working Group;
13 the Florida Association for Centers for Independent Living; 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 a mechanism to annually assess the progress
12 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 strategies to educate public and private
17 employers on the benefit of hiring persons with disabilities.

18 (g) Develop strategies to encourage and provide
19 incentives for public and private employers to hire persons
20 with disabilities.

21 (h) Recommend a statewide system of accountability
22 which 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 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of
29 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
30 March 1, 2007, and a final report on its findings and
31 recommendations by January 1, 2008. The committee is abolished

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1 on June 1, 2007.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
3 law.

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