

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity;  
and Senator Wise

585-1993-06

1                                   A bill to be entitled

2                   An act relating to youth and young adults with

3                   disabilities; creating the Interagency Services

4                   Committee for Youth and Young Adults with

5                   Disabilities; providing legislative intent;

6                   providing that the committee be staffed by

7                   member agencies of the committee; providing for

8                   the membership of the committee; providing

9                   duties and responsibilities for the committee;

10                  requiring the committee to submit a report to

11                  the Governor and the Legislature; providing an

12                  effective date.

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

16                  Section 1. Interagency Services Committee for Youth

17 and Young Adults with Disabilities.--

18                  (1) There is created in the Agency for Persons with

19 Disabilities the Interagency Services Committee for Youth and

20 Young Adults with Disabilities. It is the intent of the

21 Legislature that the committee establish goals to ensure

22 successful transition to employment or further education of

23 youth and young adults with disabilities and to eliminate

24 barriers that impede educational opportunities leading to

25 future employment.

26                  (2)(a) The committee shall consist of heads, or their

27 designees, of the following agencies and bureaus or divisions

28 of agencies: the Department of Education and, in that

29 department, the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student

30 Services, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the

31 Division of Blind Services, the Division of Community

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

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

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

1 officers or employees shall alternate between the budget  
2 entities represented on the committee.

3 (3) The committee shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (g) Develop strategies to encourage each public  
20 employer to hire persons 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 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.

1           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.  
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3                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
4                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
5                                       Senate Bill 1278  
6           Creates the committee in the Agency for Persons with  
7           Disabilities.  
8           Modifies composition of the committee.  
9           Clarifies that the committee is advisory.  
10          Provides for a progress report and a final report.  
11          Abolishes the committee June 1, 2008.  
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