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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;
б	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.
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14	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	Section 1. Interagency Services Committee for Youth
17	and Young Adults with Disabilities
18	(1) The Agency for Persons with Disabilities may
19	create the Interagency Services Committee for Youth and Young
20	Adults with Disabilities. It is the intent of the Legislature
21	that the committee develop strategies to ensure successful
22	transition to employment or further education of youth and
23	young adults with disabilities and to eliminate barriers that
24	impede educational opportunities leading to future employment.
25	(2)(a) The committee shall consist of heads, or their
26	designees, of the following agencies and bureaus or divisions
27	of agencies: the Department of Education and, in that
28	department, the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student
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	Services, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the
30	Services, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Division of Blind Services, the Division of Community

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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 quardian 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
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officers or employees shall alternate between the budget 1 2 entities represented on the committee. 3 (3) The committee shall: 4 (a) Identify the roles and responsibilities of each agency with regard to the committee goals. 5 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 for all agencies that serve youth and young adults with 10 disabilities. 11 (d) Design a mechanism to annually assess the progress 12 13 toward the goals by each agency. 14 (e) Collect and disseminate information on research-based practices of state and local agencies on 15 successful strategies. 16 (f) Develop strategies to educate public and private 17 18 employers on the benefit of hiring persons with disabilities. 19 (g) Develop strategies to encourage and provide incentives for public and private employers to hire persons 20 with disabilities. 21 22 (h) Recommend a statewide system of accountability which would include incentives for persons with disabilities; 23 24 service providers, including school districts, technical centers, and community colleges; and businesses and industries 25 providing integrated competitive employment to individuals 26 27 with disabilities. 28 (4) The committee shall present a report of its 29 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by 30 31 March 1, 2007, and a final report on its findings and

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1	recommendations by January 1, 2008. The committee is abolished
2	<u>on June 1, 2008.</u>
3	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4	law.
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