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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.							
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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							
29	Services, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the							
30	Division of Blind Services, the Division of Community							
31	Colleges, workforce education, and the office of interagency							

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