

HB 1327

2006
CS

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Future of Florida's Families Committee recommends the
2 following:

3
4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to transition services for adolescents and
8 young adults with disabilities; creating the Jacksonville
9 Health and Transition Services Pilot Program; assigning
10 the program for administrative purposes to the Children's
11 Medical Services program in the Department of Health;
12 providing purposes of the pilot program; providing for the
13 development of collaborative partnerships with certain
14 entities; delineating the target population; describing
15 participating service providers and the services that they
16 are to provide; providing for the design and
17 implementation of a comprehensive evaluation of the pilot
18 program; providing an appropriation; providing an
19 effective date.

20
21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
22

HB 1327

2006
CS

23 Section 1. Jacksonville Health and Transition Services
24 Pilot Program; creation; purposes; participating agencies and
25 services provided; evaluation.--

26 (1) The Jacksonville Health and Transition Services Pilot
27 Program is created for the purpose of assisting adolescents and
28 young adults who have special needs relating to health care and
29 educational and vocational services in making a smooth
30 transition from the child health care and educational system to
31 the adult health care system and to employment. For
32 administrative purposes, the pilot program is located in the
33 Children's Medical Services program in the Department of Health.

34 (2) The pilot program, in consultation with the Children's
35 Medical Services program in the Department of Health, shall
36 develop collaborative partnerships with the public and private
37 entities specified in this section to administer and implement
38 the pilot program. Participation in the program by such entities
39 is voluntary. However, an entity that participates in the
40 program must comply with the requirements of this section.

41 (3) The Department of Internal Medicine and the Department
42 of Pediatrics at the University of Florida Jacksonville, in
43 collaboration with Children's Medical Services and community
44 partners, including, but not limited to, ARC Jacksonville, Hope
45 Haven Children's Clinic and Family Center, the Spina Bifida
46 Association, and the Down Syndrome Association, shall develop
47 the pilot program. The primary care clinic for the program shall
48 be located in the Ambulatory Care Center on the University of
49 Florida/Shands Jacksonville campus.

HB 1327

2006
CS

50 (4) The target population for the pilot program comprises
51 adolescents and young adults with disabilities who are between
52 14 and 25 years of age, inclusive, reside in the North Central
53 area of Children's Medical Services of the Department of Health,
54 have chronic health-related or developmental conditions, and
55 could benefit from such a program. All children in the
56 Children's Medical Services State Child Health Insurance Program
57 (SCHIP), Medicaid, and Safety Net (Children's Medical Services),
58 as well as referrals from the Nemours Children's Clinic, the
59 Duval County School District, general pediatricians, and other
60 health care providers, shall be assessed for eligibility to
61 enroll in the program.

62 (5) Upon intake into the program, participants shall be
63 offered an assessment of their development and educational and
64 vocational achievement. The pilot program shall work with
65 participants and their families to plan for transition to
66 college or to programs for adult educational and vocational
67 rehabilitation. The program shall work with local school
68 systems, community colleges, technical centers, and community-
69 based agencies to provide vocational counseling and training.
70 The pilot program shall develop partnerships with community-
71 based agencies as listed in subsection (3) to support
72 comprehensive transition planning and educational and vocational
73 counseling services.

74 (6) The pilot program shall include:

75 (a) A primary-care clinic in the Ambulatory Care Center on
76 the University of Florida/Shands Jacksonville campus, which
77 shall be staffed by a multidisciplinary team that includes a

HB 1327

2006
CS

78 | pediatrician and an internist, a nurse care coordinator, a
79 | transition specialist, and insurance specialists.

80 | (b) A network of adult medical and surgical specialists
81 | from the community and from the University of Florida
82 | Jacksonville Health Care System who agree to treat the special
83 | needs of the adolescents and young adults who are being served
84 | in the pilot program.

85 | (c) Comprehensive intake-evaluation and transition-
86 | planning services for adolescents and young adults and their
87 | families that cover health care planning, assessment of
88 | educational needs, vocational preparation, referral to
89 | habilitative support services, assistance in securing insurance,
90 | and coordination of services across these areas.

91 | (d) Coordination and collaboration with other agencies
92 | that are involved in providing services to adolescents and young
93 | adults who have special health care needs, including ARC
94 | Jacksonville, Hope Haven Children's Clinic and Family Center,
95 | Nemours Children's Clinic, the Duval County School District, the
96 | juvenile justice system, family support services, the foster
97 | care program of the Department of Children and Family Services,
98 | faith-based community programs, and the Duval County Health
99 | Department.

100 | (e) Ongoing evaluation of patient satisfaction, disease
101 | self-management, and success in taking steps toward employment
102 | and health-related quality of life and other health-related
103 | outcomes.

HB 1327

2006
CS

104 (f) Services that support the intellectual development and
105 educational and vocational preparation of adolescents and young
106 adults with disabilities who are enrolled in the program.

107 (7) Participating agencies and the health and social
108 services that they shall provide include:

109 (a) The Department of Internal Medicine at the University
110 of Florida Jacksonville, which shall:

111 1. Provide a primary care physician who shall serve as the
112 co-medical director of the pilot program.

113 2. Work with both medical and surgical specialty services
114 to facilitate specialty referrals of patients.

115 3. Provide administrative support to the pilot program,
116 including, but not limited to, supervision of clinic staff,
117 scheduling, and billing.

118 4. Allot clinic space for a multidisciplinary transition
119 clinic, which shall initially operate at least once a week and
120 shall expand as the demand increases.

121 5. Assign nursing and support staff to the clinic,
122 including staff to implement an appointment system.

123 6. Maintain medical records and charts under the
124 University of Florida/Shands Health Care System.

125 7. Make efforts to ensure that adolescents and young
126 adults with disabilities participating in the pilot program,
127 regardless of their funding source, shall continue to receive
128 health care services, including primary and specialty outpatient
129 medical services, medications, and laboratory services, until
130 they reach their 26th birthday.

HB 1327

2006
CS

131 (b) The Department of Pediatrics at the University of
132 Florida Jacksonville, which shall:

133 1. Provide a primary care pediatrician who shall serve as
134 the co-medical director of the pilot program.

135 2. Work with pediatric specialty physicians to facilitate
136 the transfer of adolescents and young adults with disabilities
137 from pediatric health care specialists to adult health care
138 specialists. The Department of Pediatrics shall contact
139 pediatric specialists and determine what activities or supports
140 are needed to transfer patients from pediatric specialty care to
141 adult specialty care, such as the transfer of medical records
142 and the provision of educational programs for adult specialists.

143 3. Encourage participation by the subspecialty pediatric
144 physicians through the development of transition programs within
145 each specialty area to prepare patients and their families for
146 participation in the pilot program.

147 4. Identify and refer adolescents and young adults and
148 their families who are candidates for the pilot program.

149 (c) The Nemours Children's Clinic, which shall:

150 1. Encourage participation by the subspecialty pediatric
151 physicians through the development of transition programs within
152 each specialty area to prepare adolescents and young adults with
153 disabilities and their families for participation in the pilot
154 program.

155 2. Identify and refer adolescents and young adults and
156 their families who are candidates for the pilot program.

157 3. Provide in-kind support for care coordination and
158 specialized transitional services.

HB 1327

2006
CS

159 (d) The Institute for Health, Policy and Evaluation
160 Research within the Duval County Health Department, which shall
161 provide the design and implementation of a comprehensive
162 evaluation of the pilot program that includes an assessment of
163 the service-oriented process and patient and family-oriented
164 outcome measures. The Institute for Health, Policy and
165 Evaluation Research shall also conduct a longitudinal study to
166 determine whether the adolescents and young adults with
167 disabilities who participate in this pilot program are more
168 successful than the adolescents and young adults with
169 disabilities who are not associated with the program but receive
170 assistance with vocational rehabilitation only.

171 (e) Hope Haven Children's Clinic and Family Center,
172 Nemours Children's Clinic, ARC Jacksonville, the Duval County
173 School District, the Florida Community College of Jacksonville,
174 the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of
175 Education, and other groups, which shall develop a comprehensive
176 educational and vocational transition program that shall be
177 offered to adolescents and young adults with disabilities in the
178 program. The transition specialists in these agencies shall
179 identify, to the greatest extent feasible, all adolescents and
180 young adults with disabilities in the district and refer them to
181 the program.

182 Section 2. The sum of \$350,000 is appropriated from the
183 General Revenue Fund to Children's Medical Services in the
184 Department of Health for the purpose of paying startup and
185 operation costs of the Jacksonville Health and Transition
186 Services Pilot Program during the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

HB 1327

2006
CS

187

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.