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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health Care Appropriations Committee recommends the
2 following:

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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 a contingent effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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22 Section 1. Jacksonville Health and Transition Services
23 Pilot Program; creation; purposes; participating agencies and
24 services provided; evaluation.--

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

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

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

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

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

73 (6) The pilot program shall include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

181 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, only
182 if a specific appropriation to the Department of Health to fund
183 the provisions of this act is made in the General Appropriations
184 Act for fiscal year 2006-2007.