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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Elder & Long-Term Care Committee recommends the following:
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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to youth and young adults with
7 disabilities; creating the Interagency Services Committee
8 for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities within the
9 Agency for Persons with Disabilities; providing
10 legislative intent; providing for membership, duties, and
11 responsibilities; requiring specified member agencies to
12 provide staff support for the committee; providing for
13 reimbursement of certain expenses; providing that the
14 committee is subject to open records and open meetings
15 requirements; requiring the committee to submit a report
16 to the Governor and Legislature; providing for termination
17 of the committee; providing an effective date.
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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21 Section 1. Interagency Services Committee for Youth and
22 Young Adults with Disabilities.--

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23 (1) There is created within the Agency for Persons with
24 Disabilities the Interagency Services Committee for Youth and
25 Young Adults with Disabilities. It is the intent of the
26 Legislature that the committee establish goals to ensure
27 successful transition to employment or further education of
28 youth and young adults with disabilities and to eliminate
29 barriers that impede educational opportunities leading to future
30 employment.

31 (2) (a) The committee shall consist of heads, or their
32 designees, of the following agencies and bureaus or divisions of
33 agencies: the Department of Education and, in that department,
34 the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, the
35 Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Division of Blind
36 Services, the Division of Community Colleges, the Office of
37 Workforce Education, and the Office of Interagency Programs; the
38 Agency for Persons with Disabilities; the Agency for Health Care
39 Administration; the Division of Children's Medical Services
40 Network in the Department of Health; the Children's Mental
41 Health Program in the Department of Children and Family
42 Services; the Department of Juvenile Justice; the Department of
43 Corrections; the Commission for the Transportation
44 Disadvantaged; and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.
45 Agency representatives must be at least at the bureau chief
46 level. The committee shall invite representation from the
47 following private and public parties: the Able Trust; the
48 Business Leadership Network; the Advocacy Center for Persons
49 with Disabilities; the Governor's Working Group on the Americans
50 with Disabilities Act; the Florida Association of Centers for

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CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

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51 Independent Living; an individual with a disability; and a
52 parent or guardian of an individual with a disability. The
53 members of the committee shall designate one member as the
54 chairperson.

55 (b) The Department of Children and Family Services, the
56 Department of Education, the Department of Health, and the
57 Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall provide staff support
58 to the committee. The chairperson may designate one of the
59 agencies providing staff support to perform administrative
60 responsibilities for the committee.

61 (c) Committee members shall serve without compensation but
62 are entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in carrying
63 out their duties as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.
64 Members who are public officers or employees shall be reimbursed
65 by the budget entity through which they are compensated.
66 Reimbursement for members who are not public officers or
67 employees shall alternate between the budget entities
68 represented on the committee.

69 (d) The meetings and records of the committee are subject
70 to ss. 119.07 and 286.011, Florida Statutes, and s. 24, Art. I
71 of the State Constitution.

72 (3) The committee shall:

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

75 (b) Develop collaborative relationships to identify and
76 assist in removing federal and state barriers to achieving the
77 goals.

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78 (c) Identify common or comparable performance measures for
79 all agencies that serve youth and young adults with
80 disabilities.

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

83 (e) Collect and disseminate information on the research-
84 based practices and successful strategies of state and local
85 agencies.

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

88 (g) Develop strategies to encourage public employers to
89 hire persons with disabilities.

90 (h) Recommend a statewide system of accountability that
91 includes incentives for persons with disabilities; service
92 providers, including school districts, technical centers, and
93 community colleges; and businesses and industries providing
94 integrated competitive employment to individuals with
95 disabilities.

96 (4) The committee shall submit a report of its progress to
97 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
98 the House of Representatives by March 1, 2007, and submit a
99 final report on its findings and recommendations by January 1,
100 2008. The committee is abolished on June 1, 2008.

101 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.