

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health & Families Council 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; providing for the creation of the  
8 Interagency Services Committee for Youth and Young Adults  
9 with Disabilities; providing legislative intent; providing  
10 for the membership of the committee; providing that the  
11 committee be staffed by member agencies of the committee;  
12 providing that the committee is subject to open records  
13 and meetings requirements; providing for reimbursement of  
14 certain expenses; providing duties and responsibilities of  
15 the committee; requiring the committee to submit a report  
16 to the Governor and the Legislature; providing for  
17 termination 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) The Agency for Persons with Disabilities may create  
24 the Interagency Services Committee for Youth and Young Adults  
25 with Disabilities. It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
26 committee develop strategies to ensure successful transition to  
27 employment or further education of youth and young adults with  
28 disabilities and to eliminate barriers that impede educational  
29 opportunities leading to future employment.

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

51 members of the committee shall designate one of its members as  
52 chairperson.

53 (b) The Department of Children and Family Services, the  
54 Department of Education, the Department of Health, and the  
55 Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall provide staff support  
56 to the committee. Meetings and records of the committee are  
57 subject to ss. 119.07 and 286.011, Florida Statutes. The  
58 chairperson may designate one of the agencies providing staff  
59 support to perform administrative responsibilities for the  
60 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 through 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 (3) The committee shall:

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

72 (b) Develop collaborative relationships to identify and  
73 assist in removing federal and state barriers to achieving the  
74 goals.

75 (c) Identify common or comparable performance measures for  
76 all agencies that serve youth and young adults with  
77 disabilities.

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

80        (e) Collect and disseminate information on research-based  
81 practices of state and local agencies on successful strategies.

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

84        (g) Develop strategies to encourage and provide incentives  
85 for public and private employers to hire persons with  
86 disabilities.

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

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

98        Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.