By Senator Wilson

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to persons with developmental
3	disabilities; creating the Task Force on Fiscal
4	Responsibility for Services to Persons with
5	Developmental Disabilities to evaluate the
6	expenditure of Medicaid funds appropriated for
7	services provided to persons with developmental
8	disabilities; providing for membership and
9	reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses;
10	directing that the task force be staffed by the
11	Governor's Office of Policy and Budget;
12	requiring that data and information be provided
13	by the Department of Children and Family
14	Services, the Agency for Health Care
15	Administration, and the Agency for Persons with
16	Disabilities; requiring reports; providing for
17	the expiration of the task force; providing an
18	appropriation; providing an 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. The Governor shall establish the Task Force
23	on Fiscal Responsibility for Services to Persons with
24	Developmental Disabilities by August 1, 2007, to examine how
25	funds for services provided to persons with developmental
26	disabilities are authorized and expended.
27	(1) MEMBERSHIP
28	(a) The task force shall consist of one representative
29	from each of the following organizations:
30	1. Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities.
31	2. ARC of Florida.

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

1	3. Autism Society of Florida.
2	4. A family care council established under s. 393.502,
3	Florida Statutes.
4	5. Family Network on Disabilities of Florida (FND).
5	6. Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and
6	Technology (FAAST).
7	7. Florida Association for Persons in Supported
8	Employment (Florida APSE).
9	8. Florida Association of Behavior Analysis.
10	9. Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
11	(Florida ARF).
12	10. Florida Association of Support Coordinators.
13	11. Florida Developmental Disabilities Council.
14	12. Florida Disabled Outdoors Association.
15	13. Florida Independent Living Council.
16	14. Florida's Voice on Mental Retardation.
17	15. Prader-Willi Syndrome Association.
18	16. Spina-Bifida Association.
19	17. Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities.
20	18. United Cerebral Palsy.
21	(b) The Governor shall select representatives from a
22	list of three persons submitted from each of the
23	organizations. The Governor may also appoint two additional
24	members and shall designate the chair of the task force.
25	(c) The members of the task force shall serve without
26	compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem
27	and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida
28	Statutes.
29	(2) PURPOSE The task force shall review the extent
30	to which funds appropriated for Medicaid Home and
ว 1	Community-Raged Services waivers serving persons with

developmental disabilities have been expended beginning with 2 the 2000-2001 fiscal year. The task force shall determine the amount of any surpluses or deficits and what factors may have 3 4 contributed to them. 5 (3) STAFFING. -- The task force shall be staffed by the 6 Governor's Office of Policy and Budget which, along with the 7 Department of Children and Family Services, the Agency for 8 Health Care Administration, and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, shall provide such fiscal information and data 9 10 that is available and that the task force may need to accomplish its purpose. In addition, the task force, in 11 12 consultation with the Executive Office of the Governor, may 13 contract for such additional services as it may need from funds appropriated for the use of the task force. 14 (4) REPORTS. -- The task force shall submit an interim 15 report to the Governor and the Legislature providing 16 17 preliminary findings on the expenditure of funds for waiver 18 services, and the amounts and causes of any deficits and surpluses by February 1, 2008. A final report, which must 19 2.0 include recommendations for predicting costs, avoiding 21 deficits, and providing services in a cost-effective and 2.2 equitable manner to persons with developmental disabilities, 23 shall be presented to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no 2.4 later than October 1, 2008. 2.5 (5) EXPIRATION. -- The task force is dissolved December 26 27 31, 2008. 2.8 Section 2. The sum of \$ is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to fund the activities of the 29 Task Force on Fiscal Responsibility for Services to Persons 30

with Developmental Disabilities.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. ********** SENATE SUMMARY Creates the Task Force on Fiscal Responsibility for Services to Persons with Developmental Disabilities to evaluate the expenditure of Medicaid funds appropriated for services provided to persons with developmental disabilities. Provides for membership and reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses. Directs that the task force be staffed by the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget, and requires that data and information be provided by the Department of Children and Family Services, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. Requires an interim and final report. Provides for the expiration of the task force.