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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to early learning; creating s.
3 14.2017, F.S.; creating the Office of Early
4 Learning in the Executive Office of the
5 Governor; providing responsibilities; providing
6 for type two transfer of the Office of Early
7 Learning in the Agency for Workforce
8 Innovation, the Office of Early Learning in the
9 Department of Education, and child care
10 facility licensing responsibilities of the
11 Department of Children and Family Services to
12 the Office of Early Learning in the Executive
13 Office of the Governor; amending ss. 20.50,
14 216.136, 411.0105, 1002.22, and 1002.63, F.S.;
15 conforming provisions; amending s. 1002.65,
16 F.S.; providing requirements for credentials of
17 prekindergarten instructors; amending s.
18 1002.67, F.S.; providing curriculum
19 requirements for prekindergarten programs;
20 amending s. 1002.69, F.S.; revising provisions
21 relating to the minimum kindergarten readiness
22 rate; amending ss. 1002.71, 1002.73, 1002.75,
23 1002.77, 1002.79, and 1003.575, F.S.;
24 conforming provisions; providing for the
25 continued validity of child care facility
26 licenses and registrations; requiring the
27 Division of Statutory Revision to make
28 conforming changes to the Florida Statutes and
29 to provide certain assistance to legislative
30 committees and councils; providing an effective
31 date.

1 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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3 Section 1. Section 14.2017, Florida Statutes, is
4 created to read:

5 14.2017 Office of Early Learning.--The Office of Early
6 Learning is created in the Executive Office of the Governor.
7 The director of the Office of Early Learning shall be
8 appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the
9 Governor. The Office of Early Learning shall administer the
10 state's school readiness system, the Voluntary Prekindergarten
11 Education Program, and child care facility licensing.

12 Section 2. (1) All of the powers, duties, functions,
13 records, personnel, and property; unexpended balances of
14 appropriations, allocations, and other funds; administrative
15 authority; administrative rules; pending issues; and existing
16 contracts of the Office of Early Learning in the Agency for
17 Workforce Innovation are transferred by a type two transfer,
18 pursuant to s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the Office of
19 Early Learning in the Executive Office of the Governor.

20 (2) All of the powers, duties, functions, records,
21 personnel, and property; unexpended balances of
22 appropriations, allocations, and other funds; administrative
23 authority; administrative rules; pending issues; and existing
24 contracts of the Office of Early Learning in the Department of
25 Education are transferred by a type two transfer, pursuant to
26 s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the Office of Early Learning
27 in the Executive Office of the Governor.

28 (3) All of the powers, duties, functions, records,
29 personnel, and property; unexpended balances of
30 appropriations, allocations, and other funds; administrative
31 authority; administrative rules; pending issues; and existing

1 contracts of the Department of Children and Family Services
2 relating to child care facility licensing are transferred by a
3 type two transfer, pursuant to s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes,
4 to the Office of Early Learning in the Executive Office of the
5 Governor.

6 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
7 20.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 20.50 Agency for Workforce Innovation.--There is
9 created the Agency for Workforce Innovation within the
10 Department of Management Services. The agency shall be a
11 separate budget entity, as provided in the General
12 Appropriations Act, and the director of the agency shall be
13 the agency head for all purposes. The agency shall not be
14 subject to control, supervision, or direction by the
15 Department of Management Services in any manner, including,
16 but not limited to, personnel, purchasing, transactions
17 involving real or personal property, and budgetary matters.

18 (2)

19 (c) The agency shall include the following offices
20 within its organizational structure:

21 1. The Office of Unemployment Compensation Services;

22 2. The Office of Workforce Program Support; and

23 ~~3. The Office of Early Learning, which shall~~
24 ~~administer the school readiness system in accordance with s.~~

25 ~~411.01 and the operational requirements of the Voluntary~~

26 ~~Prekindergarten Education Program in accordance with part V of~~

27 ~~chapter 1002. The office shall be directed by the Deputy~~

28 ~~Director for Early Learning, who shall be appointed by and~~

29 ~~serve at the pleasure of the director; and~~

30 ~~3.4.~~ The Office of Agency Support Services.

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1 The director of the agency may establish the positions of
2 assistant director and deputy director to administer the
3 requirements and functions of the agency. In addition, the
4 director may organize and structure the offices of the agency
5 to best meet the goals and objectives of the agency as
6 provided in s. 20.04.

7 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section
8 216.136, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 216.136 Consensus estimating conferences; duties and
10 principals.--

11 (8) EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS ESTIMATING CONFERENCE.--

12 (b) The Office of Early Learning ~~Agency for Workforce~~
13 ~~Innovation~~ shall provide information on needs and waiting
14 lists for school readiness programs, and information on the
15 needs for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, as
16 requested by the Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference
17 or individual conference principals in a timely manner.

18 Section 5. Section 411.0105, Florida Statutes, is
19 amended to read:

20 411.0105 Early Learning Opportunities Act and Even
21 Start Family Literacy Programs; lead agency.--

22 (1) For purposes of administration of the Early
23 Learning Opportunities Act, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 106-554,
24 the Office of Early Learning is designated as the lead agency
25 and must comply with lead agency responsibilities pursuant to
26 federal law. ~~and~~

27 (2) For purposes of administration of the Even Start
28 Family Literacy Programs, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 106-554, the
29 Agency for Workforce Innovation is designated as the lead
30 agency and must comply with lead agency responsibilities
31 pursuant to federal law.

1 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
2 1002.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3 1002.22 Student records and reports; rights of parents
4 and students; notification; penalty.--

5 (3) RIGHTS OF PARENT OR STUDENT.--The parent of any
6 student who attends or has attended any public school, career
7 center, or public postsecondary educational institution shall
8 have the following rights with respect to any records or
9 reports created, maintained, and used by any public
10 educational institution in the state. However, whenever a
11 student has attained 18 years of age, or is attending a
12 postsecondary educational institution, the permission or
13 consent required of, and the rights accorded to, the parents
14 of the student shall thereafter be required of and accorded to
15 the student only, unless the student is a dependent student of
16 such parents as defined in 26 U.S.C. s. 152 (s. 152 of the
17 Internal Revenue Code of 1954). The State Board of Education
18 shall adopt rules whereby parents or students may exercise
19 these rights:

20 (d) Right of privacy.--Every student has a right of
21 privacy with respect to the educational records kept on him or
22 her. Personally identifiable records or reports of a student,
23 and any personal information contained therein, are
24 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1). A state or local
25 educational agency, board, public school, career center, or
26 public postsecondary educational institution may not permit
27 the release of such records, reports, or information without
28 the written consent of the student's parent, or of the student
29 himself or herself if he or she is qualified as provided in
30 this subsection, to any individual, agency, or organization.
31 However, personally identifiable records or reports of a

1 student may be released to the following persons or
2 organizations without the consent of the student or the
3 student's parent:

4 1. Officials of schools, school systems, career
5 centers, or public postsecondary educational institutions in
6 which the student seeks or intends to enroll; and a copy of
7 such records or reports shall be furnished to the parent or
8 student upon request.

9 2. Other school officials, including teachers within
10 the educational institution or agency, who have legitimate
11 educational interests in the information contained in the
12 records.

13 3. The United States Secretary of Education, the
14 Director of the National Institute of Education, the Assistant
15 Secretary for Education, the Comptroller General of the United
16 States, or state or local educational authorities who are
17 authorized to receive such information subject to the
18 conditions set forth in applicable federal statutes and
19 regulations of the United States Department of Education, or
20 in applicable state statutes and rules of the State Board of
21 Education.

22 4. Other school officials, in connection with a
23 student's application for or receipt of financial aid.

24 5. Individuals or organizations conducting studies for
25 or on behalf of an institution or a board of education for the
26 purpose of developing, validating, or administering predictive
27 tests, administering student aid programs, or improving
28 instruction, if the studies are conducted in a manner that
29 does not permit the personal identification of students and
30 their parents by persons other than representatives of such
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1 organizations and if the information will be destroyed when no
2 longer needed for the purpose of conducting such studies.

3 6. Accrediting organizations, in order to carry out
4 their accrediting functions.

5 7. Early learning coalitions and the Office of Early
6 Learning Agency for Workforce Innovation in order to carry out
7 their assigned duties.

8 8. For use as evidence in student expulsion hearings
9 conducted by a district school board under chapter 120.

10 9. Appropriate parties in connection with an
11 emergency, if knowledge of the information in the student's
12 educational records is necessary to protect the health or
13 safety of the student or other individuals.

14 10. The Auditor General and the Office of Program
15 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability in connection
16 with their official functions; however, except when the
17 collection of personally identifiable information is
18 specifically authorized by law, any data collected by the
19 Auditor General and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
20 Government Accountability is confidential and exempt from s.
21 119.07(1) and shall be protected in a way that does not permit
22 the personal identification of students and their parents by
23 other than the Auditor General, the Office of Program Policy
24 Analysis and Government Accountability, and their staff, and
25 the personally identifiable data shall be destroyed when no
26 longer needed for the Auditor General's and the Office of
27 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability's
28 official use.

29 11.a. A court of competent jurisdiction in compliance
30 with an order of that court or the attorney of record in
31 accordance with a lawfully issued subpoena, upon the condition

1 | that the student and the student's parent are notified of the
2 | order or subpoena in advance of compliance therewith by the
3 | educational institution or agency.

4 | b. A person or entity in accordance with a court of
5 | competent jurisdiction in compliance with an order of that
6 | court or the attorney of record pursuant to a lawfully issued
7 | subpoena, upon the condition that the student, or his or her
8 | parent if the student is either a minor and not attending a
9 | postsecondary educational institution or a dependent of such
10 | parent as defined in 26 U.S.C. s. 152 (s. 152 of the Internal
11 | Revenue Code of 1954), is notified of the order or subpoena in
12 | advance of compliance therewith by the educational institution
13 | or agency.

14 | 12. Credit bureaus, in connection with an agreement
15 | for financial aid that the student has executed, if the
16 | information is disclosed only to the extent necessary to
17 | enforce the terms or conditions of the financial aid
18 | agreement. Credit bureaus shall not release any information
19 | obtained under this paragraph to any person.

20 | 13. Parties to an interagency agreement among the
21 | Department of Juvenile Justice, school and law enforcement
22 | authorities, and other signatory agencies for the purpose of
23 | reducing juvenile crime and especially motor vehicle theft by
24 | promoting cooperation and collaboration, and the sharing of
25 | appropriate information in a joint effort to improve school
26 | safety, to reduce truancy and in-school and out-of-school
27 | suspensions, and to support alternatives to in-school and
28 | out-of-school suspensions and expulsions that provide
29 | structured and well-supervised educational programs
30 | supplemented by a coordinated overlay of other appropriate
31 | services designed to correct behaviors that lead to truancy,

1 | suspensions, and expulsions, and that support students in
2 | successfully completing their education. Information provided
3 | in furtherance of the interagency agreements is intended
4 | solely for use in determining the appropriate programs and
5 | services for each juvenile or the juvenile's family, or for
6 | coordinating the delivery of the programs and services, and as
7 | such is inadmissible in any court proceedings before a
8 | dispositional hearing unless written consent is provided by a
9 | parent or other responsible adult on behalf of the juvenile.

10 | 14. Consistent with the Family Educational Rights and
11 | Privacy Act, the Department of Children and Family Services or
12 | a community-based care lead agency acting on behalf of the
13 | Department of Children and Family Services, as appropriate.

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15 | This paragraph does not prohibit any educational institution
16 | from publishing and releasing to the general public directory
17 | information relating to a student if the institution elects to
18 | do so. However, no educational institution shall release, to
19 | any individual, agency, or organization that is not listed in
20 | subparagraphs 1.-14., directory information relating to the
21 | student body in general or a portion thereof unless it is
22 | normally published for the purpose of release to the public in
23 | general. Any educational institution making directory
24 | information public shall give public notice of the categories
25 | of information that it has designated as directory information
26 | for all students attending the institution and shall allow a
27 | reasonable period of time after the notice has been given for
28 | a parent or student to inform the institution in writing that
29 | any or all of the information designated should not be
30 | released.

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1 Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
2 1002.63, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered
4 by public schools.--

5 (4) To be eligible to deliver the prekindergarten
6 program during the school year, each school district must meet
7 both of the following requirements:

8 (b) The Commissioner of Education must certify to the
9 State Board of Education that the Department of Education has
10 reviewed the school district's educational facilities, capital
11 outlay funds, and projected student enrollment and concurs
12 with the district school board's certification under paragraph
13 (a).

14 Section 8. Section 1002.65, Florida Statutes, is
15 amended to read:

16 1002.65 Professional credentials of prekindergarten
17 instructors; ~~aspirational goals; legislative intent.~~--

18 (1) The Legislature recognizes that there is a strong
19 relationship between the skills and preparation of
20 prekindergarten instructors and the educational outcomes of
21 students in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

22 (2) To improve these educational outcomes,
23 prekindergarten classes shall have instructors with the
24 following credentials ~~the Legislature intends that all~~
25 ~~prekindergarten instructors will continue to improve their~~
26 ~~skills and preparation through education and training, so that~~
27 ~~the following aspirational goals will be achieved:~~

28 (a) By the 2010-2011 school year:

29 1. Each prekindergarten class must ~~will~~ have at least
30 one prekindergarten instructor who holds an associate's or
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1 higher degree in the field of early childhood education or
2 child development; and

3 2. For each prekindergarten class composed of 11 or
4 more students, in addition to a prekindergarten instructor who
5 meets the requirements of subparagraph 1., each the class must
6 ~~will~~ have at least one prekindergarten instructor who meets
7 the requirements of s. 1002.55(3)(c).

8 (b) By the 2013-2014 school year, each prekindergarten
9 class must ~~will~~ have at least one prekindergarten instructor
10 who holds a bachelor's or higher degree in the field of early
11 childhood education or child development.

12 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and
13 paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 1002.67, Florida
14 Statutes, are amended to read:

15 1002.67 Performance standards; curricula and
16 accountability.--

17 (2)(a) Each private prekindergarten provider and
18 public school may select or design the curriculum that the
19 provider or school uses to implement the Voluntary
20 Prekindergarten Education Program, except as otherwise
21 required for a provider or school that is placed on probation
22 under paragraph (3)(c). The curriculum selected or designed
23 must include a curriculum-based preassessment and
24 postassessment for the purpose of determining a student's
25 progress during the program year.

26 (3)

27 (d) Each early learning coalition, ~~the Agency for~~
28 ~~Workforce Innovation,~~ and the Office of Early Learning shall
29 ~~department shall coordinate with the Child Care Services~~
30 ~~Program Office of the Department of Children and Family~~
31 ~~Services to minimize interagency~~ duplication of activities for

1 monitoring private prekindergarten providers for compliance
2 with requirements of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
3 Program under this part, the school readiness programs under
4 s. 411.01, and the licensing of providers under ss.
5 402.301-402.319.

6 Section 10. Subsections (1), (5), and (6) of section
7 1002.69, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

8 1002.69 Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten
9 readiness rates.--

10 (1) The Department of Education shall adopt a
11 statewide kindergarten screening that assesses the readiness
12 of each student for kindergarten based upon the performance
13 standards adopted by the office ~~department~~ under s. 1002.67(1)
14 for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. The
15 Department of Education shall require that each school
16 district administer the statewide kindergarten screening to
17 each kindergarten student in the school district within the
18 first 30 school days of each school year.

19 (5) The State Board of Education shall adopt
20 procedures for the annual calculation of ~~department to~~
21 ~~annually calculate~~ each private prekindergarten provider's and
22 public school's kindergarten readiness rate, which must be
23 expressed as the percentage of the provider's or school's
24 students who are assessed as ready for kindergarten. The
25 kindergarten readiness rates must be based exclusively upon
26 the results of the statewide kindergarten screening for
27 students completing the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
28 Program, beginning with students completing the program during
29 the 2005-2006 school year who are administered the statewide
30 kindergarten screening during the 2006-2007 school year. The
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1 rates must not include students who are not administered the
2 statewide kindergarten screening.

3 (6)(a) The State Board of Education shall periodically
4 adopt a minimum kindergarten readiness rate that, if achieved
5 by a private prekindergarten provider or public school, would
6 demonstrate the provider's or school's satisfactory delivery
7 of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

8 ~~(b) The minimum rate must not exceed the rate at which~~
9 ~~more than 15 percent of the kindergarten readiness rates of~~
10 ~~all private prekindergarten providers and public schools~~
11 ~~delivering the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program in~~
12 ~~the state would fall below the minimum rate.~~

13 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
14 1002.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.--

16 (5)

17 (b) The Office of Early Learning Agency for Workforce
18 ~~Innovation~~ shall adopt procedures for the payment of private
19 prekindergarten providers and public schools delivering the
20 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. The procedures
21 shall provide for the advance payment of providers and schools
22 based upon student enrollment in the program, the
23 certification of student attendance, and the reconciliation of
24 advance payments in accordance with the uniform attendance
25 policy adopted under paragraph (6)(d). The procedures shall
26 provide for the monthly distribution of funds by the office
27 ~~Agency for Workforce Innovation~~ to the early learning
28 coalitions for payment by the coalitions to private
29 prekindergarten providers and public schools. ~~The department~~
30 ~~shall transfer to the Agency for Workforce Innovation at least~~
31 ~~once each quarter the funds available for payment to private~~

1 ~~prekindergarten providers and public schools in accordance~~
2 ~~with this paragraph from the funds appropriated for that~~
3 ~~purpose.~~

4 Section 12. Section 1002.73, Florida Statutes, is
5 amended to read:

6 1002.73 Office of Early Learning and Department of
7 Education; powers and duties; accountability requirements.--

8 (1) The office ~~department~~ shall administer the
9 accountability requirements of the Voluntary Prekindergarten
10 Education Program at the state level.

11 (2) The office ~~department~~ shall adopt procedures for
12 the office's ~~department's~~:

13 (a) Approval of prekindergarten director credentials
14 under ss. 1002.55 and 1002.57.

15 (b) Approval of emergent literacy training courses
16 under ss. 1002.55 and 1002.59.

17 (c) Certification of school districts that are
18 eligible to deliver the school-year prekindergarten program
19 under s. 1002.63.

20 ~~(3)(d)~~ The Department of Education shall adopt
21 procedures for administration of the statewide kindergarten
22 screening and calculation of kindergarten readiness rates
23 under s. 1002.69.

24 ~~(4)(3)~~ Except as provided by law, the office
25 ~~department~~ may not impose requirements on a private
26 prekindergarten provider that does not deliver the Voluntary
27 Prekindergarten Education Program or receive state funds under
28 this part.

29 Section 13. Section 1002.75, Florida Statutes, is
30 amended to read:

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1 1002.75 Office of Early Learning ~~Agency for Workforce~~
2 ~~Innovation~~; powers and duties; operational requirements.--

3 (1) The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall
4 administer the operational requirements of the Voluntary
5 Prekindergarten Education Program at the state level.

6 (2) The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall adopt
7 procedures governing the administration of the Voluntary
8 Prekindergarten Education Program by the early learning
9 coalitions and school districts for:

10 (a) Enrolling children in and determining the
11 eligibility of children for the Voluntary Prekindergarten
12 Education Program under s. 1002.53.

13 (b) Providing parents with profiles of private
14 prekindergarten providers and public schools under s. 1002.53.

15 (c) Registering private prekindergarten providers and
16 public schools to deliver the program under ss. 1002.55,
17 1002.61, and 1002.63.

18 (d) Determining the eligibility of private
19 prekindergarten providers to deliver the program under ss.
20 1002.55 and 1002.61.

21 (e) Verifying the compliance of private
22 prekindergarten providers and public schools and removing
23 providers or schools from eligibility to deliver the program
24 due to noncompliance or misconduct as provided in s. 1002.67.

25 (f) Paying private prekindergarten providers and
26 public schools under s. 1002.71.

27 (g) Documenting and certifying student enrollment and
28 student attendance under s. 1002.71.

29 (h) Reconciling advance payments in accordance with
30 the uniform attendance policy under s. 1002.71.

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1 (i) Reenrolling students dismissed by a private
2 prekindergarten provider or public school for noncompliance
3 with the provider's or school district's attendance policy
4 under s. 1002.71.

5 (3) The office ~~Agency for Workforce Innovation~~ shall
6 adopt, ~~in consultation with and subject to approval by the~~
7 ~~department,~~ procedures governing the administration of the
8 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program by the early
9 learning coalitions and school districts for:

10 (a) Approving improvement plans of private
11 prekindergarten providers and public schools under s. 1002.67.

12 (b) Placing private prekindergarten providers and
13 public schools on probation and requiring corrective actions
14 under s. 1002.67.

15 (c) Removing a private prekindergarten provider or
16 public school from eligibility to deliver the program due to
17 the provider's or school's remaining on probation beyond the
18 time permitted under s. 1002.67.

19 (4) The Agency for Workforce Innovation shall also
20 adopt procedures for the agency's distribution of funds to
21 early learning coalitions under s. 1002.71.

22 (5) Except as provided by law, the Agency for
23 Workforce Innovation may not impose requirements on a private
24 prekindergarten provider or public school that does not
25 deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program or
26 receive state funds under this part.

27 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 1002.77, Florida
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 1002.77 Florida Early Learning Advisory Council.--

30 (1) There is created the Florida Early Learning
31 Advisory Council within the Office of Early Learning Agency

1 ~~for Workforce Innovation~~. The purpose of the advisory council
2 is to submit recommendations to the office ~~department and the~~
3 ~~Agency for Workforce Innovation~~ on the early learning policy
4 of this state, including recommendations relating to
5 administration of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
6 Program under this part and the school readiness programs
7 under s. 411.01.

8 Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 1002.79, Florida
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10 1002.79 Rulemaking authority.--

11 (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
12 under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer the provisions
13 of this part conferring duties upon the Department of
14 Education.

15 Section 16. Subsection (3) of section 1003.575,
16 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 1003.575 Assistive technology devices; findings;
18 interagency agreements.--Accessibility, utilization, and
19 coordination of appropriate assistive technology devices and
20 services are essential as a young person with disabilities
21 moves from early intervention to preschool, from preschool to
22 school, from one school to another, and from school to
23 employment or independent living. To ensure that an assistive
24 technology device issued to a young person as part of his or
25 her individualized family support plan, individual support
26 plan, or an individual education plan remains with the
27 individual through such transitions, the following agencies
28 shall enter into interagency agreements, as appropriate, to
29 ensure the transaction of assistive technology devices:

1 (3) The Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program
2 administered by the Office of Early Learning ~~Department of~~
3 ~~Education and the Agency for Workforce Innovation.~~

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5 Interagency agreements entered into pursuant to this section
6 shall provide a framework for ensuring that young persons with
7 disabilities and their families, educators, and employers are
8 informed about the utilization and coordination of assistive
9 technology devices and services that may assist in meeting
10 transition needs, and shall establish a mechanism by which a
11 young person or his or her parent may request that an
12 assistive technology device remain with the young person as he
13 or she moves through the continuum from home to school to
14 postschool.

15 Section 17. Notwithstanding the transfer of regulatory
16 authority over child care facility licensing in chapter 402,
17 Florida Statutes, provided in this act, persons and entities
18 holding in good standing any child care facility license or
19 registration under chapter 402, Florida Statutes, as of 11:59
20 p.m. on the day prior to the effective date of this act, shall
21 be deemed to hold in good standing a license or registration
22 in the same capacity under the authority of the Office of
23 Early Learning in the Executive Office of the Governor as of
24 the effective date of this act.

25 Section 18. The Division of Statutory Revision of the
26 Office of Legislative Services shall change "Agency for
27 Workforce Innovation" and "Department of Education" to "Office
28 of Early Learning" and shall change "agency" and "department,"
29 with respect to that agency and department, to "office"
30 wherever those terms appear in ss. 411.01 and 411.011, Florida
31 Statutes, relating to school readiness programs.

1 Section 19. The Division of Statutory Revision of the
2 Office of Legislative Services shall change "Department of
3 Education," "Department of Children and Family Services," and
4 "Agency for Workforce Innovation" to "Office of Early
5 Learning" and shall change "department" and "agency," with
6 respect to those departments and that agency, to "office"
7 wherever those terms appear in part V of chapter 1002, Florida
8 Statutes, relating to the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education
9 Program, except as otherwise amended in this act.

10 Section 20. The Division of Statutory Revision of the
11 Office of Legislative Services shall change "Department of
12 Children and Family Services" and "Agency for Workforce
13 Innovation" to "Office of Early Learning" and shall change
14 "department" and "agency," with respect to that department and
15 agency, to "office" wherever those terms appear in ss. 402.27,
16 402.281, and 402.301-402.319, Florida Statutes, relating to
17 child care facility licensing.

18 Section 21. The Legislature recognizes that there is a
19 need to conform the Florida Statutes to the policy decisions
20 reflected in the provisions of this act. The Division of
21 Statutory Revision of the Office of Legislative Services is
22 directed to provide the relevant substantive committees and
23 councils of the Senate and the House of Representatives with
24 assistance, upon request, to enable such committees or
25 councils to prepare draft legislation to conform the Florida
26 Statutes to the provisions of this act.

27 Section 22. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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