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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs  
(Haridopolos) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Health and Transition Services Program;  
creation; purposes; participating agencies and services  
provided; evaluation.--

(1) A Health and Transition Services Program is  
created for the purpose of assisting adolescents and young  
adults who have chronic special health care needs in making a  
smooth transition from the child health care and educational  
systems to the adult health care system and to employment.

(2) For administrative purposes, the program is  
located in Children's Medical Services in the Department of  
Health. The department may enter into contracts, depending  
upon specific appropriations, with local health and transition  
services programs that meet the requirements of this section.

(3) The target population for the program consists of

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1 persons who are 14 through 26 years of age and who have  
2 chronic special health care needs.

3 (4) The program structure and design must be adapted  
4 to the needs of the local community and health services  
5 delivery system; however, the following elements should be in  
6 place in order to ensure the success of a local health and  
7 transition services program:

8 (a) A consultative partnership between adult and  
9 pediatric health care providers in a major medical health care  
10 organization or academic medical setting for the purpose of  
11 training and transferring adolescents and young adults to  
12 adult health care services.

13 (b) A primary care clinic established in a major  
14 medical health care organization for the purpose of fostering  
15 a partnership between adult and pediatric health care  
16 providers.

17 (c) Community-based health care services that are  
18 provided under agreements with major health care organizations  
19 or academic medical centers for the purpose of providing  
20 consultation concerning the management of special health care  
21 needs.

22 (d) Community-based support organizations that can  
23 provide assistance with services such as supported living and  
24 employment, health insurance, and support services to maintain  
25 the young adult in the community.

26 (5) The following services may be offered by the local  
27 health and transition services program to individuals who are  
28 served in the local health and transition services program:

29 (a) An assessment of health needs, educational and  
30 vocational status and needs, and health insurance status.

31 (b) In coordination with the educational system,

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1 community-based organizations, and the vocational system, a  
2 plan for transition which includes adult health care services,  
3 education, habilitative services, independent living, adult  
4 employment, and health insurance.

5 (c) A medical home that provides for coordinated and  
6 multidisciplinary care and focuses on engaging adult health  
7 care providers in the care and treatment of the adolescent or  
8 young adults.

9 (d) Disease self-management programs.

10 (6) The local health and transition services program  
11 must be directed by a medical director having experience in  
12 adolescent health. A project coordinator shall assist the  
13 medical director in developing and implementing the program.  
14 Other staff may be included in order to provide a full range  
15 of health and transition services.

16 (7) There may be up to 11 sites statewide, with the  
17 Jacksonville program (JaxHATS) being the first site. Each  
18 additional site must be organized in a substantially similar  
19 manner as the JaxHATS program and have flexibility with regard  
20 to staffing and costs in rural areas of the state.

21 (8) The local health and transition services program  
22 must be evaluated by an organization or university that has  
23 expertise and experience in evaluating health care programs.  
24 The evaluation must be formative and cumulative and must  
25 include program process and outcome measures as well as client  
26 outcomes. The results of the evaluation may be used to improve  
27 and develop other local health and transition services  
28 programs.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.  
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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3           Delete everything before the enacting clause

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5 and insert:

6                           A bill to be entitled

7           An act relating to transitional services for

8           young adults with disabilities; creating a

9           Health and Transition Services Program;

10          assigning the program for administrative

11          purposes to Children's Medical Services in the

12          Department of Health; providing purposes of the

13          program; delineating the target population;

14          describing participating service providers and

15          the services that they are to provide; creating

16          an operational site in a designated locality in

17          the state; providing for expansion of program

18          sites; providing for an evaluation of the

19          program; providing an effective date.

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