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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to early learning; creating s. 20.153,  
3 F.S.; creating the Agency for Early Learning; providing  
4 for appointment and duties of an agency director;  
5 providing agency responsibilities; providing for type two  
6 transfer of the Office of Early Learning in the Agency for  
7 Workforce Innovation, the Office of Early Learning in the  
8 Department of Education, child care facility licensing  
9 responsibilities of the Department of Children and Family  
10 Services, and the Department of Health Florida Infants and  
11 Toddlers Early Intervention Program to the Agency for  
12 Early Learning; amending ss. 20.50, 216.136, and 391.025,  
13 F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 411.0105, F.S.;  
14 designating the Agency for Early Learning as the lead  
15 agency for administering the federal Early Learning  
16 Opportunities Act; amending ss. 1002.22, 1002.63, and  
17 1002.67, F.S.; conforming provisions and clarifying  
18 certain duties; amending s. 1002.69, F.S.; revising  
19 provisions relating to calculation of kindergarten  
20 readiness rates; amending ss. 1002.71, 1002.73, 1002.75,  
21 1002.77, 1002.79, and 1003.575, F.S.; conforming  
22 provisions and clarifying certain duties; providing for  
23 the continued validity of certain child care facility  
24 licenses and registrations; repealing s. 391.308, F.S.,  
25 relating to the Florida Infants and Toddlers Early  
26 Intervention Program administered by the Department of  
27 Health; requiring the Division of Statutory Revision to  
28 make conforming changes to the Florida Statutes and to

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29 provide certain assistance to legislative committees and  
30 councils; providing an effective date.

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

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34 Section 1. Section 20.153, Florida Statutes, is created to  
35 read:

36 20.153 Agency for Early Learning.--There is created the  
37 Agency for Early Learning, housed within the Department of  
38 Education for administrative purposes only. The agency shall be a  
39 separate budget entity not subject to control, supervision, or  
40 direction by the Department of Education in any manner,  
41 including, but not limited to, personnel, purchasing,  
42 transactions involving real or personal property, and budgetary  
43 matters.

44 (1) The director of the agency shall be the agency head for  
45 all purposes, shall be appointed by the Governor subject to  
46 confirmation by the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of  
47 the Governor. The director shall administer the affairs of the  
48 agency and may, within available resources, employ assistants,  
49 professional staff, and other employees as necessary to discharge  
50 the powers and duties of the agency.

51 (2) (a) The agency shall administer the state's school  
52 readiness system, the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
53 Program, and child care facility licensing.

54 (b) The agency shall implement and administer part C of the  
55 federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which shall  
56 be known as the Florida Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention  
57 Program (Early Steps). The agency, jointly with the Department of

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58 Education, shall annually prepare a grant application to the  
59 United States Department of Education for funding early  
60 intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities,  
61 from birth through 36 months of age, and their families, pursuant  
62 to part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education  
63 Act. The agency, jointly with the Department of Education, shall  
64 include a reading initiative as an early intervention service for  
65 infants and toddlers.

66 (c) The agency shall engage in such other administrative  
67 activities as are deemed necessary to effectively and efficiently  
68 address the early education, early intervention, and child care  
69 needs of young children and their families.

70 Section 2. (1) All of the powers, duties, functions,  
71 records, personnel, and property; unexpended balances of  
72 appropriations, allocations, and other funds; administrative  
73 authority; administrative rules; pending issues; and existing  
74 contracts of the Office of Early Learning in the Agency for  
75 Workforce Innovation are transferred by a type two transfer,  
76 pursuant to s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the Agency for  
77 Early Learning.

78 (2) All of the powers, duties, functions, records,  
79 personnel, and property; unexpended balances of appropriations,  
80 allocations, and other funds; administrative authority;  
81 administrative rules; pending issues; and existing contracts of  
82 the Office of Early Learning in the Department of Education are  
83 transferred by a type two transfer, pursuant to s. 20.06(2),  
84 Florida Statutes, to the Agency for Early Learning.

85 (3) All of the powers, duties, functions, records,  
86 personnel, and property; unexpended balances of appropriations,

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87 allocations, and other funds; administrative authority;  
88 administrative rules; pending issues; and existing contracts of  
89 the Department of Children and Family Services relating to child  
90 care facility licensing are transferred by a type two transfer,  
91 pursuant to s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the Agency for  
92 Early Learning.

93 (4) All of the powers, duties, functions, records,  
94 personnel, and property; unexpended balances of appropriations,  
95 allocations, and other funds; administrative authority;  
96 administrative rules; pending issues; and existing contracts of  
97 the Florida Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention Program in  
98 the Division of Children's Medical Services Network of the  
99 Department of Health are transferred by a type two transfer,  
100 pursuant to s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the Agency for  
101 Early Learning.

102 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
103 20.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

104 20.50 Agency for Workforce Innovation.--There is created  
105 the Agency for Workforce Innovation within the Department of  
106 Management Services. The agency shall be a separate budget  
107 entity, as provided in the General Appropriations Act, and the  
108 director of the agency shall be the agency head for all purposes.  
109 The agency shall not be subject to control, supervision, or  
110 direction by the Department of Management Services in any manner,  
111 including, but not limited to, personnel, purchasing,  
112 transactions involving real or personal property, and budgetary  
113 matters.

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115 (c) The agency shall include the following offices within  
116 its organizational structure:

117 1. The Office of Unemployment Compensation Services;

118 2. The Office of Workforce Program Support; and

119 ~~3. The Office of Early Learning, which shall administer the~~  
120 ~~school readiness system in accordance with s. 411.01 and the~~  
121 ~~operational requirements of the Voluntary Prekindergarten~~  
122 ~~Education Program in accordance with part V of chapter 1002. The~~  
123 ~~office shall be directed by the Deputy Director for Early~~  
124 ~~Learning, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of~~  
125 ~~the director; and~~

126 3.4. The Office of Agency Support Services.

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128 The director of the agency may establish the positions of  
129 assistant director and deputy director to administer the  
130 requirements and functions of the agency. In addition, the  
131 director may organize and structure the offices of the agency to  
132 best meet the goals and objectives of the agency as provided in  
133 s. 20.04.

134 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section  
135 216.136, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

136 216.136 Consensus estimating conferences; duties and  
137 principals.--

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

139 (b) The Agency for Early Learning ~~Workforce Innovation~~  
140 shall provide information on needs and waiting lists for school  
141 readiness programs, and information on the needs for the  
142 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, as requested by the

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143 Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference or individual  
144 conference principals in a timely manner.

145 Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
146 391.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

147 391.025 Applicability and scope.--

148 (1) The Children's Medical Services program consists of the  
149 following components:

150 (d) The developmental evaluation and intervention program,  
151 ~~including the Florida Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention~~  
152 ~~Program.~~

153 Section 6. Section 411.0105, Florida Statutes, is amended  
154 to read:

155 411.0105 Early Learning Opportunities Act and Even Start  
156 Family Literacy Programs; lead agency.--

157 (1) For purposes of administration of the Early Learning  
158 Opportunities Act, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 106-554, the Agency  
159 for Early Learning is designated as the lead agency and must  
160 comply with lead agency responsibilities pursuant to federal law.  
161 ~~and~~

162 (2) For purposes of administration of the Even Start Family  
163 Literacy Programs, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 106-554, the Agency  
164 for Workforce Innovation is designated as the lead agency and  
165 must comply with lead agency responsibilities pursuant to federal  
166 law.

167 Section 7. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section  
168 1002.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

169 1002.22 Student records and reports; rights of parents and  
170 students; notification; penalty.--

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171 (3) RIGHTS OF PARENT OR STUDENT.--The parent of any student  
172 who attends or has attended any public school, career center, or  
173 public postsecondary educational institution shall have the  
174 following rights with respect to any records or reports created,  
175 maintained, and used by any public educational institution in the  
176 state. However, whenever a student has attained 18 years of age,  
177 or is attending a postsecondary educational institution, the  
178 permission or consent required of, and the rights accorded to,  
179 the parents of the student shall thereafter be required of and  
180 accorded to the student only, unless the student is a dependent  
181 student of such parents as defined in 26 U.S.C. s. 152 (s. 152 of  
182 the Internal Revenue Code of 1954). The State Board of Education  
183 shall adopt rules whereby parents or students may exercise these  
184 rights:

185 (d) Right of privacy.--Every student has a right of privacy  
186 with respect to the educational records kept on him or her.  
187 Personally identifiable records or reports of a student, and any  
188 personal information contained therein, are confidential and  
189 exempt from s. 119.07(1). A state or local educational agency,  
190 board, public school, career center, or public postsecondary  
191 educational institution may not permit the release of such  
192 records, reports, or information without the written consent of  
193 the student's parent, or of the student himself or herself if he  
194 or she is qualified as provided in this subsection, to any  
195 individual, agency, or organization. However, personally  
196 identifiable records or reports of a student may be released to  
197 the following persons or organizations without the consent of the  
198 student or the student's parent:

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

203 2. Other school officials, including teachers within the  
204 educational institution or agency, who have legitimate  
205 educational interests in the information contained in the  
206 records.

207 3. The United States Secretary of Education, the Director  
208 of the National Institute of Education, the Assistant Secretary  
209 for Education, the Comptroller General of the United States, or  
210 state or local educational authorities who are authorized to  
211 receive such information subject to the conditions set forth in  
212 applicable federal statutes and regulations of the United States  
213 Department of Education, or in applicable state statutes and  
214 rules of the State Board of Education.

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

217 5. Individuals or organizations conducting studies for or  
218 on behalf of an institution or a board of education for the  
219 purpose of developing, validating, or administering predictive  
220 tests, administering student aid programs, or improving  
221 instruction, if the studies are conducted in a manner that does  
222 not permit the personal identification of students and their  
223 parents by persons other than representatives of such  
224 organizations and if the information will be destroyed when no  
225 longer needed for the purpose of conducting such studies.

226 6. Accrediting organizations, in order to carry out their  
227 accrediting functions.

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228           7. Early learning coalitions and the Agency for Early  
229 Learning Workforce Innovation in order to carry out their  
230 assigned duties.

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

233           9. Appropriate parties in connection with an emergency, if  
234 knowledge of the information in the student's educational records  
235 is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or  
236 other individuals.

237           10. The Auditor General and the Office of Program Policy  
238 Analysis and Government Accountability in connection with their  
239 official functions; however, except when the collection of  
240 personally identifiable information is specifically authorized by  
241 law, any data collected by the Auditor General and the Office of  
242 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability is  
243 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and shall be protected  
244 in a way that does not permit the personal identification of  
245 students and their parents by other than the Auditor General, the  
246 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability,  
247 and their staff, and the personally identifiable data shall be  
248 destroyed when no longer needed for the Auditor General's and the  
249 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability's  
250 official use.

251           11.a. A court of competent jurisdiction in compliance with  
252 an order of that court or the attorney of record in accordance  
253 with a lawfully issued subpoena, upon the condition that the  
254 student and the student's parent are notified of the order or  
255 subpoena in advance of compliance therewith by the educational  
256 institution or agency.

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257           b. A person or entity in accordance with a court of  
258 competent jurisdiction in compliance with an order of that court  
259 or the attorney of record pursuant to a lawfully issued subpoena,  
260 upon the condition that the student, or his or her parent if the  
261 student is either a minor and not attending a postsecondary  
262 educational institution or a dependent of such parent as defined  
263 in 26 U.S.C. s. 152 (s. 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
264 1954), is notified of the order or subpoena in advance of  
265 compliance therewith by the educational institution or agency.

266           12. Credit bureaus, in connection with an agreement for  
267 financial aid that the student has executed, if the information  
268 is disclosed only to the extent necessary to enforce the terms or  
269 conditions of the financial aid agreement. Credit bureaus shall  
270 not release any information obtained under this paragraph to any  
271 person.

272           13. Parties to an interagency agreement among the  
273 Department of Juvenile Justice, school and law enforcement  
274 authorities, and other signatory agencies for the purpose of  
275 reducing juvenile crime and especially motor vehicle theft by  
276 promoting cooperation and collaboration, and the sharing of  
277 appropriate information in a joint effort to improve school  
278 safety, to reduce truancy and in-school and out-of-school  
279 suspensions, and to support alternatives to in-school and out-of-  
280 school suspensions and expulsions that provide structured and  
281 well-supervised educational programs supplemented by a  
282 coordinated overlay of other appropriate services designed to  
283 correct behaviors that lead to truancy, suspensions, and  
284 expulsions, and that support students in successfully completing  
285 their education. Information provided in furtherance of the

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286 interagency agreements is intended solely for use in determining  
287 the appropriate programs and services for each juvenile or the  
288 juvenile's family, or for coordinating the delivery of the  
289 programs and services, and as such is inadmissible in any court  
290 proceedings before a dispositional hearing unless written consent  
291 is provided by a parent or other responsible adult on behalf of  
292 the juvenile.

293 14. Consistent with the Family Educational Rights and  
294 Privacy Act, the Department of Children and Family Services or a  
295 community-based care lead agency acting on behalf of the  
296 Department of Children and Family Services, as appropriate.

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298 This paragraph does not prohibit any educational institution from  
299 publishing and releasing to the general public directory  
300 information relating to a student if the institution elects to do  
301 so. However, no educational institution shall release, to any  
302 individual, agency, or organization that is not listed in  
303 subparagraphs 1.-14., directory information relating to the  
304 student body in general or a portion thereof unless it is  
305 normally published for the purpose of release to the public in  
306 general. Any educational institution making directory information  
307 public shall give public notice of the categories of information  
308 that it has designated as directory information for all students  
309 attending the institution and shall allow a reasonable period of  
310 time after the notice has been given for a parent or student to  
311 inform the institution in writing that any or all of the  
312 information designated should not be released.

313 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
314 1002.63, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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315 1002.63 School-year prekindergarten program delivered by  
316 public schools.--

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

320 (b) The Commissioner of Education must certify to the State  
321 Board of Education that the Department of Education has reviewed  
322 the school district's educational facilities, capital outlay  
323 funds, and projected student enrollment and concurs with the  
324 district school board's certification under paragraph (a).

325 Section 9. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section  
326 1002.67, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

327 1002.67 Performance standards; curricula and  
328 accountability.--

329 (3)

330 (d) Each early learning coalition and, the Agency for Early  
331 Learning shall ~~Workforce Innovation, and the department shall~~  
332 ~~coordinate with the Child Care Services Program Office of the~~  
333 ~~Department of Children and Family Services to~~ minimize  
334 ~~interagency~~ duplication of activities for monitoring private  
335 prekindergarten providers for compliance with requirements of the  
336 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program under this part, the  
337 school readiness programs under s. 411.01, and the licensing of  
338 providers under ss. 402.301-402.319.

339 Section 10. Subsections (1), (5), and (6) of section  
340 1002.69, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

341 1002.69 Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten  
342 readiness rates.--

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343           (1) The Department of Education shall adopt a statewide  
344 kindergarten screening that assesses the readiness of each  
345 student for kindergarten based upon the performance standards  
346 adopted by the Agency for Early Learning ~~department~~ under s.  
347 1002.67(1) for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.  
348 The Department of Education shall require that each school  
349 district administer the statewide kindergarten screening to each  
350 kindergarten student in the school district within the first 30  
351 school days of each school year.

352           (5) The State Board of Education shall adopt procedures for  
353 the annual calculation of ~~department to annually calculate~~ each  
354 private prekindergarten provider's and public school's  
355 kindergarten readiness rate, which must be expressed as the  
356 percentage of the provider's or school's students who are  
357 assessed as ready for kindergarten. The kindergarten readiness  
358 rates must be based exclusively upon the results of the statewide  
359 kindergarten screening for students completing the Voluntary  
360 Prekindergarten Education Program, beginning with students  
361 completing the program during the 2005-2006 school year who are  
362 administered the statewide kindergarten screening during the  
363 2006-2007 school year. The rates must not include students who  
364 are not administered the statewide kindergarten screening.

365           (6) ~~(a)~~ The State Board of Education shall periodically  
366 adopt a minimum kindergarten readiness rate that, if achieved by  
367 a private prekindergarten provider or public school, would  
368 demonstrate the provider's or school's satisfactory delivery of  
369 the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program.

370           ~~(b) The minimum rate must not exceed the rate at which more~~  
371 ~~than 15 percent of the kindergarten readiness rates of all~~

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372 ~~private prekindergarten providers and public schools delivering~~  
373 ~~the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program in the state~~  
374 ~~would fall below the minimum rate.~~

375 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section  
376 1002.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

377 1002.71 Funding; financial and attendance reporting.--

378 (5)

379 (b) The Agency for Early Learning ~~Workforce Innovation~~  
380 shall adopt procedures for the payment of private prekindergarten  
381 providers and public schools delivering the Voluntary  
382 Prekindergarten Education Program. The procedures shall provide  
383 for the advance payment of providers and schools based upon  
384 student enrollment in the program, the certification of student  
385 attendance, and the reconciliation of advance payments in  
386 accordance with the uniform attendance policy adopted under  
387 paragraph (6) (d). The procedures shall provide for the monthly  
388 distribution of funds by the agency ~~for Workforce Innovation~~ to  
389 the early learning coalitions for payment by the coalitions to  
390 private prekindergarten providers and public schools. ~~The~~  
391 ~~department shall transfer to the Agency for Workforce Innovation~~  
392 ~~at least once each quarter the funds available for payment to~~  
393 ~~private prekindergarten providers and public schools in~~  
394 ~~accordance with this paragraph from the funds appropriated for~~  
395 ~~that purpose.~~

396 Section 12. Section 1002.73, Florida Statutes, is amended  
397 to read:

398 1002.73 Agency for Early Learning, Department of Education,  
399 and State Board of Education; powers and duties; accountability  
400 requirements.--

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401 (1) The Agency for Early Learning ~~department~~ shall  
402 administer the accountability requirements of the Voluntary  
403 Prekindergarten Education Program at the state level.

404 (2) The agency ~~department~~ shall adopt procedures for the  
405 agency's ~~department's~~:

406 (a) Approval of prekindergarten director credentials under  
407 ss. 1002.55 and 1002.57.

408 (b) Approval of emergent literacy training courses under  
409 ss. 1002.55 and 1002.59.

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

412 (3) ~~(d)~~ The Department of Education shall adopt procedures  
413 for administration of the statewide kindergarten screening and  
414 the State Board of Education shall adopt procedures for  
415 calculation of kindergarten readiness rates under s. 1002.69.

416 (4) ~~(3)~~ Except as provided by law, the agency ~~department~~ may  
417 not impose requirements on a private prekindergarten provider  
418 that does not deliver the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education  
419 Program or receive state funds under this part.

420 Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 1002.75, Florida  
421 Statutes, is amended to read:

422 1002.75 Agency for Early Learning ~~Workforce Innovation~~;  
423 powers and duties; operational requirements.--

424 (3) The Agency for Early Learning ~~Workforce Innovation~~  
425 shall adopt, ~~in consultation with and subject to approval by the~~  
426 ~~department~~, procedures governing the administration of the  
427 Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program by the early learning  
428 coalitions and school districts for:

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

431 (b) Placing private prekindergarten providers and public  
432 schools on probation and requiring corrective actions under s.  
433 1002.67.

434 (c) Removing a private prekindergarten provider or public  
435 school from eligibility to deliver the program due to the  
436 provider's or school's remaining on probation beyond the time  
437 permitted under s. 1002.67.

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

440 1002.77 Florida Early Learning Advisory Council.--

441 (1) There is created the Florida Early Learning Advisory  
442 Council within the Agency for Early Learning ~~Workforce~~  
443 ~~Innovation~~. The purpose of the advisory council is to submit  
444 recommendations to the ~~department and the agency for Workforce~~  
445 ~~Innovation~~ on the early learning policy of this state, including  
446 recommendations relating to administration of the Voluntary  
447 Prekindergarten Education Program under this part and the school  
448 readiness programs under s. 411.01.

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

451 1002.79 Rulemaking authority.--

452 (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules under  
453 ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer the provisions of this  
454 part conferring duties upon the Department of Education.

455 Section 16. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 1003.575,  
456 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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457 1003.575 Assistive technology devices; findings;  
458 interagency agreements.--Accessibility, utilization, and  
459 coordination of appropriate assistive technology devices and  
460 services are essential as a young person with disabilities moves  
461 from early intervention to preschool, from preschool to school,  
462 from one school to another, and from school to employment or  
463 independent living. To ensure that an assistive technology device  
464 issued to a young person as part of his or her individualized  
465 family support plan, individual support plan, or an individual  
466 education plan remains with the individual through such  
467 transitions, the following agencies shall enter into interagency  
468 agreements, as appropriate, to ensure the transaction of  
469 assistive technology devices:

470 (1) The Florida Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention  
471 Program in the Agency for Early Learning ~~Division of Children's~~  
472 ~~Medical Services of the Department of Health.~~

473 (3) The Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
474 administered by the ~~Department of Education and the~~ Agency for  
475 Early Learning ~~Workforce Innovation.~~

476  
477 Interagency agreements entered into pursuant to this section  
478 shall provide a framework for ensuring that young persons with  
479 disabilities and their families, educators, and employers are  
480 informed about the utilization and coordination of assistive  
481 technology devices and services that may assist in meeting  
482 transition needs, and shall establish a mechanism by which a  
483 young person or his or her parent may request that an assistive  
484 technology device remain with the young person as he or she moves  
485 through the continuum from home to school to postschool.

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486           Section 17. Notwithstanding the transfer of regulatory  
487 authority over child care facility licensing in chapter 402,  
488 Florida Statutes, provided in this act, persons and entities  
489 holding in good standing any child care facility license or  
490 registration under chapter 402, Florida Statutes, as of 11:59  
491 p.m. on the day prior to the effective date of this act shall be  
492 deemed to hold in good standing a license or registration in the  
493 same capacity under the authority of the Agency for Early  
494 Learning as of the effective date of this act.

495           Section 18. Section 391.308, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

496           Section 19. The Division of Statutory Revision of the  
497 Office of Legislative Services shall change "Agency for Workforce  
498 Innovation" and "Department of Education" to "Agency for Early  
499 Learning" and shall change "department" with respect to that  
500 department to "agency" wherever those terms appear in ss. 411.01  
501 and 411.011, Florida Statutes, relating to school readiness  
502 programs.

503           Section 20. The Division of Statutory Revision of the  
504 Office of Legislative Services shall change "Department of  
505 Education," "Department of Children and Family Services," and  
506 "Agency for Workforce Innovation" to "Agency for Early Learning"  
507 and shall change "department" with respect to those departments  
508 to "agency" wherever those terms appear in part V of chapter  
509 1002, Florida Statutes, relating to the Voluntary Prekindergarten  
510 Education Program, except as otherwise amended in this act.

511           Section 21. The Division of Statutory Revision of the  
512 Office of Legislative Services shall change "Department of  
513 Children and Family Services" and "Agency for Workforce  
514 Innovation" to "Agency for Early Learning" and shall change

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515 "department" with respect to that department to "agency" wherever  
516 those terms appear in ss. 402.27, 402.281, and 402.301-402.319,  
517 Florida Statutes, relating to child care facility licensing.

518 Section 22. The Legislature recognizes that there is a need  
519 to conform the Florida Statutes to the policy decisions reflected  
520 in the provisions of this act. The Division of Statutory Revision  
521 of the Office of Legislative Services is directed to provide the  
522 relevant substantive committees and councils of the Senate and  
523 the House of Representatives with assistance, upon request, to  
524 enable such committees or councils to prepare draft legislation  
525 to conform the Florida Statutes to the provisions of this act.

526 Section 23. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.