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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
4/22/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations (Wise)  
2 recommended the following **amendment**:

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between line(s) 143 and 144,  
6 insert:

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8 Section 6. Subsection (4) of section 1004.55, Florida  
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10 1004.55 Regional autism centers.--

11 (4) ~~(a)~~ Each center shall provide:

12 (a)1- A staff that has expertise in autism and autistic-  
13 like behaviors and in sensory impairments.

14 (b)2- Individual and direct family assistance in the home,  
15 community, and school. A center's assistance should not supplant  
16 other responsibilities of state and local agencies, and each



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17 school district is responsible for providing an appropriate  
18 education program for clients of a center who are school age.

19 ~~(c)3.~~ Technical assistance and consultation services,  
20 including specific intervention and assistance for a client of  
21 the center, the client's family, and the school district, and any  
22 other services that are appropriate.

23 ~~(d)4.~~ Professional training programs that include  
24 developing, providing, and evaluating preservice and inservice  
25 training in state-of-the-art practices for personnel who work  
26 with the populations served by the centers and their families.

27 ~~(e)5.~~ Public education programs to increase awareness of  
28 the public about autism, autistic-related disabilities of  
29 communication and behavior, dual sensory impairments, and sensory  
30 impairments with other handicapping conditions.

31 ~~(b) Direct medical intervention or pharmaceutical~~  
32 ~~intervention is prohibited in any center on or after July 1,~~  
33 ~~2008.~~

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35 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

36 And the title is amended as follows:

37 On line(s) 15, after the semicolon,  
38 insert:

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40 amending s. 1004.55, F.S.; deleting a provision that  
41 prohibits direct medical intervention or pharmaceutical  
42 intervention in a regional autism center;