

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to transitional services for young adults
 3 with disabilities; creating a health care transition
 4 services task force within the Department of Health;
 5 providing legislative intent; providing for membership,
 6 duties, and responsibilities of the task force; providing
 7 for reimbursement of members for expenses; requiring the
 8 Legislature to allocate funds to the task force; requiring
 9 the task force to assess the need for health care
 10 transition services and provide a report to the Governor
 11 and the Legislature; creating the Don Davis Health and
 12 Transition Services Program of Jacksonville; assigning the
 13 program for administrative purposes to the Children's
 14 Medical Services Network within the Department of Health;
 15 providing purposes of the program; describing
 16 participating service providers and the services to be
 17 provided; providing for an evaluation of the program;
 18 providing an 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. Health Care Transition Services Task Force for
 23 Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities; membership, duties,
 24 and responsibilities.--

25 (1) The Department of Health shall create a statewide
 26 Health Care Transition Services Task Force for Youth and Young
 27 Adults with Disabilities. It is the intent of the Legislature
 28 that the task force assess the need for health care transition

29 services for youth and young adults with disabilities, develop
30 strategies to ensure successful transition from the pediatric to
31 the adult health care system, and identify existing and
32 potential funding sources. The task force shall be composed of
33 15 members. The task force shall have representatives from at
34 least three geographic areas in the state representing rural,
35 suburban, and urban areas.

36 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following
37 persons:

38 (a) The Deputy Secretary for Children's Medical Services
39 within the Department of Health or his or her designee.

40 (b) A representative from the children's health care
41 medical community.

42 (c) A representative from the adult health care medical
43 community.

44 (d) The director of the Agency for Persons with
45 Disabilities or his or her designee.

46 (e) Two representatives of associations that advocate for
47 persons who have chronic medical conditions or disabilities,
48 such as the American Diabetes Association, the Sickle Cell
49 Foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, United Cerebral
50 Palsy, the Spina Bifida Association, or the Down Syndrome
51 Association.

52 (f) Two young adults who have chronic health problems or
53 developmental disabilities or a family member.

54 (g) The deputy commissioner of the Division of Vocational
55 Rehabilitation within the Department of Education or his or her
56 designee.

57 (h) The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee.

58 (i) The Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or
 59 her designee.

60 (j) The Director of Children's Medical Services or his or
 61 her designee.

62 (k) A representative of a medical school.

63 (l) A person appointed by the President of the Senate.

64 (m) A person appointed by the Speaker of the House of
 65 Representatives.

66 (3) The Deputy Secretary for Children's Medical Services
 67 or his or her designee shall be the chair of the task force. The
 68 Department of Health shall provide staff support to the task
 69 force. Task force members shall serve without compensation but
 70 are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses
 71 incurred as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, in
 72 carrying out their duties. Members who are public officers or
 73 employees shall be reimbursed through the budget entity through
 74 which they are compensated.

75 (4) The task force shall:

76 (a) Convene by August 31, 2008.

77 (b) Obtain input from key stakeholders, community
 78 stakeholders, public agencies, the medical practice community,
 79 and youth and young adults who have chronic special health care
 80 needs or disabilities and their families to assess the need for
 81 health care transition services and to identify barriers that
 82 impede access to comprehensive medical treatment and health care
 83 for youth and young adults who have chronic special health care
 84 needs or disabilities.

85 (c) Develop a statewide plan to promote the development of
86 health care transition services. The plan should put forth
87 different models that accommodate the geographic and cultural
88 diversity in the state and that are adapted to the local needs
89 of communities and to local health services delivery systems.
90 Furthermore, the plan should promote the integration of health
91 care transition services with transition programs for education,
92 vocational rehabilitation, and independent living.

93 (d) Identify common or comparable performance measures for
94 all entities that serve the needs for health care transition
95 services of youth and young adults who have chronic special
96 health care needs or disabilities.

97 (e) Collect and disseminate information concerning best
98 practices in health care transition services for youth and young
99 adults who have chronic special health care needs or
100 disabilities.

101 (f) Identify existing and potential funding sources to
102 create health care transition services within communities.

103 (5) The Legislature shall allocate up to \$100,000 to
104 offset expenses incurred by the activities of the task force.
105 The task force shall present a final report of its findings and
106 recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
107 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1,
108 2009.

109 Section 2. The Don Davis Health and Transition Services
110 Program of Jacksonville; creation; purposes; participating
111 agencies and services provided; evaluation.--

112 (1) The Don Davis Health and Transition Services Program

113 of Jacksonville is created for the purpose of assisting youth
114 and young adults who have special needs relating to health care
115 and educational and vocational rehabilitation services in making
116 a smooth transition from the children's health care and
117 educational system to the adult health care system and to
118 employment. For administrative purposes, the program shall be
119 located in the Children's Medical Services Network within the
120 Department of Health.

121 (2) The program shall provide services for persons who are
122 14 through 26 years of age residing in Baker, Clay, Duval,
123 Nassau, and St. Johns Counties and who have chronic special
124 health care needs or developmental disabilities.

125 (3) The following elements must be in place in order to
126 ensure the success of the Don Davis Health and Transition
127 Services Program of Jacksonville:

128 (a) A consultative partnership between adult and pediatric
129 health care providers in a major medical health care
130 organization or academic medical setting for the purpose of
131 training and transferring adolescents and young adults to adult
132 health care services.

133 (b) A primary care clinic established in a major medical
134 health care organization for the purpose of fostering the
135 partnership between adult and pediatric health care providers.

136 (c) Community-based health care services that are provided
137 pursuant to agreements with major health care organizations or
138 academic medical centers for purposes of providing consultation
139 concerning the management of special health care needs.

140 (d) Community-based support organizations that can provide

141 assistance with services such as supported living and
142 employment, health insurance, and support services to maintain
143 the young adult in the community.

144 (4) The following services shall be offered to individuals
145 who are enrolled in the Don Davis Health and Transition Services
146 Program of Jacksonville:

147 (a) An assessment of health needs, educational and
148 vocational status and needs, and health insurance status.

149 (b) In coordination with the educational system,
150 community-based organizations, and the vocational system, a plan
151 for transition that includes adult health care services,
152 education, habilitative services, independent living, adult
153 employment, and health insurance.

154 (c) A medical home that provides for coordinated and
155 multidisciplinary care and focuses on engaging adult health care
156 providers in the care and treatment of the adolescent or young
157 adult.

158 (d) Self-management of specific health conditions,
159 preventive health services, and the use of primary care and
160 specialty health care services.

161 (5) The Don Davis Health and Transition Services Program
162 of Jacksonville shall be codirected by two physicians having
163 experience in pediatric and adult health care. A project
164 coordinator shall assist the physicians in developing and
165 implementing the program. A nurse coordinator shall provide care
166 coordination services. Other staff may be included in order to
167 provide a full range of health and transition services.

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168 (6) The Don Davis Health and Transition Services Program
169 of Jacksonville shall conduct an evaluation that is formative
170 and cumulative and must include program process and outcome
171 measures as well as client outcomes. The results of the
172 evaluation may be used to improve and develop other health and
173 transition programs statewide.

174 Section 3. The sum of \$650,000 is appropriated from the
175 General Revenue Fund to the Children's Medical Services Network
176 within the Department of Health for operational and expansion
177 costs for the Don Davis Health and Transition Services Program
178 of Jacksonville during the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

179 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.