

Bill No. SB 988



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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
4/1/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Health Policy (Dockery) recommended the  
 2 following **amendment**:

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 4 Senate Amendment (with title amendment)  
 5 Delete everything after the enacting clause  
 6 and insert:

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 8 Section 1. Health Care Transition Services Task Force for  
 9 Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities.--

10 (1) The Department of Health shall create a statewide  
 11 Health Care Transition Services Task Force for Youth and Young  
 12 Adults with Disabilities. It is the intent of the Legislature  
 13 that the task force assess the need for health care transition  
 14 services for youth with disabilities, develop strategies to  
 15 ensure successful transition from the pediatric to the adult

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16 health care system, and identify existing and potential funding  
17 sources. The task force shall be composed of 13 members and  
18 shall have representatives from at least three geographic areas  
19 in the state, representing rural, suburban, and urban areas.

20 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following  
21 persons:

22 (a) The director of the Division of Children's Medical  
23 Services Network within the Department of Health or his or her  
24 designee who shall be the chairperson of the task force.

25 (b) A representative from the children's health care  
26 medical community.

27 (c) A representative from the adult health care medical  
28 community.

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

31 (e) Two representatives of associations that advocate for  
32 persons who have chronic medical conditions or disabilities,  
33 such as the American Diabetes Association, the Sickle Cell  
34 Foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, United Cerebral  
35 Palsy, the Spina Bifida Association, or the Down Syndrome  
36 Association.

37 (f) Two young adults who have chronic health problems or  
38 developmental disabilities or a family member of such young  
39 adults.

40 (g) The deputy commissioner of the Division of Vocational  
41 Rehabilitation within the Department of Education or his or her  
42 designee.

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

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44        (i) The Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or  
45 her designee.

46        (j) A person appointed by the President of the Senate.

47        (k) A person appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
48 Representatives.

49        (3) The Department of Health shall provide staff support  
50 to the task force. Task force members who are not public  
51 officers or employees shall serve without compensation, but are  
52 entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses  
53 incurred as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, in  
54 carrying out their duties, which shall be paid by the Department  
55 of Health. Members who are public officers or employees shall be  
56 reimbursed by the budget entity through which they are  
57 compensated.

58        (4) The task force shall:

59        (a) Convene by August 31, 2008.

60        (b) Obtain input from key stakeholders, community  
61 stakeholders, public agencies, the medical practice community,  
62 and youth who have chronic special health care needs and  
63 disabilities and their families to assess the need for health  
64 care transition services and to identify barriers that impede  
65 access to comprehensive medical treatment and health care for  
66 youth and young adults who have chronic special health care  
67 needs and disabilities.

68        (c) Develop a statewide plan to promote the development of  
69 health care transition services. The plan should put forth  
70 different models that accommodate the geographic and cultural  
71 diversity in the state and that are adapted to the local needs



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72 of communities and to local health services delivery systems.  
 73 Furthermore, the plan should promote the integration of health  
 74 care transition services with transition programs for education,  
 75 vocation, and independent living.

76 (d) Identify common or comparable performance measures for  
 77 all entities that serve the needs for health care transition  
 78 services of youth and young adults who have chronic special  
 79 health care needs and disabilities.

80 (e) Collect and disseminate information concerning best  
 81 practices in health care transition services for youth and young  
 82 adults who have chronic special health care needs and  
 83 disabilities.

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

86 (5) The task force shall present a final report of its  
 87 findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of  
 88 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by  
 89 January 1, 2009, and shall expire upon the submission of the  
 90 report.

91 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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

94 And the title is amended as follows:

95 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
 96 and insert:

97 A bill to be entitled  
 98 An act relating to transitional services for young adults  
 99 with disabilities; creating a health care transition

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100 services task force within the Department of Health;  
101 providing legislative intent; providing for membership,  
102 duties, and responsibilities of the task force; providing  
103 for reimbursement of members for expenses; requiring the  
104 task force to assess the need for health care transition  
105 services and provide a report to the Governor and the  
106 Legislature; providing an effective date.